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Budget Update

Last week the House and Senate named conferees charged with the task of resolving differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget. The Education Budget Conferees are Representatives Joe Pickens (Chair), Thad Altman, Ralph Arza, Frank Attkisson, Dennis Baxley, Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Larcenia Bullard, Marti Coley, Flores, Anitere, Charlie Justice, David Mealor, Pat Patterson, Curtis Richardson, David Rivera, John Stargel, Shelley Vana, and Senators JD Alexander (Vice Chair), Jim King, Lee Constantine, Ron Klein, Evelyn Lynn, Les Miller, and Stephen Wise. During last weekend and this week, the Education Budget Conferees were able to resolve most of the major differences in the proposed education budget. In general, most of the negotiated agreements result in higher overall funding levels for public schools. Of particular interest, the House agreed to the Senate's position to maintain the current Required Local Effort millage rate of 5.239 mills. The House also agreed to the Senate's position to continue the current policy to offer a Discretionary millage rate of .51 mills and a Supplemental Discretionary millage rate of .25 mills. In addition, the Senate agreed to the House's higher funding levels for the ESE Guaranteed Allocation and for Supplemental Academic Instruction. By the end of the week, the only remaining public school issues "bumped up" to the House and Senate Appropriations Chairs are funding and policy issues relating to Universal PreK and Technology Tools for Teachers. It is expected that Senator Carlton and Representative Negron will resolve these issues in the next several days and that a final Conference Report on the budget will be presented to the members of the Legislature on Tuesday, May 2. Once the Conference Report is available, FSBA will prepare a full, detailed analysis that will be included in our 2006 Legislative Session Summary.

Legislation Update

As we approach the last week of the 2006 Legislative, there is always a flurry of bill activity, with many bills of interest being considered and amended daily. We have listed below the key education related bills (and their companions) that, as of the end of the day today, are on the Calender in either chamber, are in Messages between the chambers, or have already been passed by both chambers and ordered enrolled. We have also included a VERY brief summary of each bill. Although anything is possible, it is fairly safe to assume that any bills that ARE NOT somewhere on this list are unlikely to pass this year. After the Legislature adjourns next Friday, FSBA will include detailed summaries of all education related bills in our 2006 Legislative Session Summary.

FSBA Bills on Calendar (4/28/06)

HB 29 – Sales Tax/School Supplies & Clothing by Sansom

Sales Tax/School Supplies & Clothing; specifies period during which sale of books, clothing, & school supplies shall be exempt from tax on sales, use, & other transactions; provides definitions; provides exceptions; authorizes DOR to adopt rules. *(SB 692 by Webster in Messages)*

SB 84 – Exceptional Student Instruction by Lynn

Exceptional Student Instruction; provides guidelines for determining residency of student who receives instruction as exceptional student with disability; requires student's placing authority or parent to pay cost of such instruction, facilities, & services; requires DOE to develop individual education plan form for use in developing & implementing individual education plans for exceptional students, etc. *(See SB 2048 and HB 7087)*

HB 127 – Immunizations by Hays

Immunizations; requires DOE to include parental information re school entry requirements & recommended immunization schedules in guidelines for parent guide; requires departmental guidelines re student health & other resources; requires governing authority of each private school to provide certain health information, including recommended immunization schedule & information regarding meningococcal disease, etc.

SB 132 – Affordable Housing by Bennett

Affordable Housing; requires county & municipal staff to prepare inventory list of all real property to which county or municipality holds fee simple title by specified date & triennially thereafter; requires planning staff to identify real property that is appropriate for use as said housing; provides that Homeownership Assistance Program may assist moderate-income persons, etc. *(HB 1363 by Davis on Calendar)*

HB 135 – Charter Schools by Greenstein

Charter Schools; establishes Florida Schools of Excellence Commission as charter school authorizing entity; provides for startup funds; provides powers & duties of commission, including serving as sponsor of charter schools, approving certain entities to act as cosponsors, approving or denying applications for Florida Schools of Excellence (FSE) charter schools, & developing standards for & evaluating performance, etc. *(SB 1030 by Wise on Calendar; HB 7171 by Choice & Innovation on Calendar)*

HB 213 – County School Districts by Brummer

County School Districts; constitutional amendment to provide that school districts may be divided into two or more school districts, each having no fewer than 25,000 students, as provided by law & upon vote of county's electors; to provide that school district taxes shall be imposed countywide & distributed to school districts in equitable & nondiscriminatory manner as provided by law, etc. *(SB 532 by Wise not heard)*

SB 256 – Scholarship Program Accountability by King

Scholarship Program Accountability; amends provisions re John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; revises student eligibility requirements for receipt of scholarship & restricts eligibility therefor; revises & adds school district obligations & clarifies parental options; provides funding & payment requirements for former Fla. School for Deaf & Blind students & for students exiting DJJ program, etc. *(HB 7041 in Messages)*

HB 403 – School Attendance by McInvale

School Attendance; authorizes district school board policy to raise compulsory school attendance age; requires attendance records to include information re student tardiness; provides that parent is responsible for student's accumulative record of tardiness; revises provisions re enforcement of school attendance; authorizes superintendent to file truancy petition under certain circumstances; authorizes home visit, etc. *(SB 772 by Constantine in Committee)*

SB 418 – Schools/Release of Children by Hill

Schools/Release of Children; requires school boards to adopt policies re release of children; provides definition; requires that copies of policies be provided to DOE; requires nonpublic schools, private schools, & certain child care facilities to adopt policies re release of children; requires that copies of such policies be available on premises of schools or child care facilities; defines term "picture identification". *(HB 163 by Cusack in Committee)*

HB 447 – Class Size/Classroom Instruction by Pickens

Class Size/Classroom Instruction; constitutional amendment to provide that funding for high quality public K-12 education through classroom instruction is fundamental; to provide that to make adequate provision for said education, at least 65 percent of school funding received by school districts shall be spent on classroom instruction rather than on administration; to provide flexibility for school districts in meeting class size reduction requirements, etc. *(SB 1150 by Pruitt failed on Calendar)*

HB 493 – Ethics/Public Officers & Employees by Ryan

Ethics/Public Officers & Employees; prohibits employees of state & its political subdivisions from participating in political campaign; prohibits certain disclosures by former public officer, agency employee, or local government attorney; requires commission to adopt rule detailing grounds for waiving fine & procedures to be followed when lobbyist fails to timely file his or her report; etc. *(SB 2000 by Posey in Messages)*

SB 518 – Education/ABC'S Program by Constantine

Education/ABC'S Program; renames Florida Business & Education in School Together Program as "A Business-Community (ABC) School Program"; requires each school board to submit certain documentation to DOE, to designate school program liaison, and to establish evaluation committee; authorizes said district & a business to enter into contract for operation of school program, etc.

SB 550 – Florida Prepaid College Scholarship Program by Baker

Scholarship Programs; renames Fla. Prepaid College Program as "Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program"; provides for Fla. Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program to be funded with moneys retained from certain terminated or cancelled contracts under said program; deletes restriction on types of postsecondary educational institutions in which qualified beneficiary may use his or her benefits under said program, etc. *(HB 263 by Meador in Messages)*

HB 569 – Athletic Trainers/Licensure by Kreegel

Athletic Trainers/Licensure; revises requirements for licensure as athletic trainer; provides that person employed as apprentice trainer or athletic trainer is not exempt from specified provisions; deletes classification of first responder in school district's athletic injuries prevention & treatment program; requires that athletic trainer employed by school district be licensed as athletic trainer, etc. *(SB 266 by Fasano in Messages)*

HB 665 – Florida Virtual School/SEARCH Program by Troutman

Establishes Students Earning Additional Recovery Credits & Honors (SEARCH) Program to provide opportunities for students to recover credits needed for graduation or to earn honors course credit or other course credit; provides eligibility requirements for participation by school district operating virtual school that is approved franchise of Fla. Virtual School; provides limitation on school district funding, etc.

HB 679 – Schools/Health-related Education by Sobel

Schools/Health-related Education; requires each school district to submit to DOE, by specified deadline, copies of district's school wellness policy & physical education policy; requires DOE to provide website links to certain resources & prescribes types of info. those resources must provide; encourages said districts to provide physical education for specified amount of time; requires schools to annually provide certain information to students' parents & guardians, etc. *(SB 2602 by Constantine in Committee)*

HB 747 – Speech-language Pathology/Audiology by Greenstein

Speech-language Pathology/Audiology; revises requirements for DOH in issuing provisional license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology; revises licensing requirements for applicants who graduated or are currently enrolled in speech-language pathology or audiology program; revises requirements for person to be certified as audiology assistant, etc. *(SB 370 by Peadar in Messages)*

HB 801 – Ready to Work Certification Program by Patterson

Ready to Work Certification Program; creates program to enhance student workplace skills; provides for implementation; provides program components; authorizes rulemaking. *(See HB 7087 & SB 2048)*

HB 987 – Sales Tax Collection Allowance by Gottlieb

Sales Tax Collection Allowance; authorizes dealer to elect to forego collection allowance & direct that collection allowance revenues be transferred to Educational Enhancement Trust Fund for distribution to school districts as specified; provides exceptions; provides for rulemaking by DOR; provides for costs recovery; requires DOR to report collection information to DOE. *(SB 1590 by Rich passed Senate Floor)*

HB 999 – Signs of Suicide Prevention Program by Adams

Signs of Suicide Prevention Program; provides for pilot program to be conducted by Signs of Suicide Prevention Program for secondary schools in specified counties; requires submission of proposals to DOE; provides for student participation in pilot program & for provision of certain information to parents & legal guardians; requires report to Legislature; requires implementation of pilot program to be contingent upon state funding & equivalent matching funds. *(SB 1876 by Webster in Committee)*

SB 1030 – Charter Schools by Wise

Charter Schools; establishes Florida Schools of Excellence Commission as charter school authorizing entity; provides for startup funds; provides powers & duties of commission, including serving as sponsor of charter schools, approving certain entities to act as cosponsors, approving or denying applications for Florida Schools of Excellence (FSE) charter schools, & developing standards for & evaluating performance, etc. *(HB 135 by Greenstein and HB 7171 by Choice & Innovation on Calendar; SB 2596 by Wise not heard)*

HB 1059 – Collective Bargaining/Agent's Dues by Rivera

Collective Bargaining/Agent's Dues; eliminates right of certain bargaining agents to have certain dues & assessments deducted & collected by employer from certain employees; provides legislative findings & intent; provides that deduction & collection of certain dues & assessments is proper subject of collective bargaining; provides requirements & limitations; provides for accounting of funds; provides for enforcement. *(SB 2706 by Harodopolis not heard)*

SB 1146 – Maximum Class Size/Teachers by King

Maximum Class Size/Teachers; provides that each teacher assigned to any classroom must be included in calculation for compliance with constitutional class-size limits; provides criteria for teaching strategies that involve assigning more than one teacher to classroom; provides retroactive application; prohibits imposition of penalties for use of any legal strategy re implementation of class-size reduction. *(See HB 7087, SB 2048)*

SB 1174 – Schools/Child's Record/Parent Rights by Miller

Schools/Child's Record/Parent Rights; requires that DOE include in parents' guide to student achievement info. about parents' rights re their child's permanent record; requires that checklist of parental actions that can strengthen parental involvement in their child's education be reviewed during parent-teacher conferences; requires school districts to include, when adopting specified rules, certain requirements requiring notification of parents, etc. *(HB 475 by Gibson not heard)*

SB 1196 – Florida Impact Fee Act by Constantine

Florida Impact Fee Act; creates said act; provides legislative intent; requires that impact fee meet certain specified requirements concerning calculation of fee, affordable housing, accounting for revenues & expenditures, provision of notice, collection of administrative costs, & application of credits; revises criteria governing distribution of excise tax on documents to State Housing TF & Local Government Housing TF; etc. *(HB 1431 by Cretul in Committee)*

HB 1199 – Cable Television Franchises by Traviesa

Cable Television Franchises; cites act as "Consumer Choice Act of 2006"; prohibits counties & municipalities from negotiating terms & conditions re cable services; deletes authorization for counties & municipalities to award cable service franchises & restriction that cable service companies not operate without such franchise; requires state authorization to provide cable services & competitive video programming services, etc. *(SB 900 by Constantine in Committee)*

HB 1291 – Weapons/Exhibit or Possess/Schools by Poppell

Weapons/Exhibit or Possess/Schools; revises definition of "weapon"; revises & clarifies provisions re prohibited exhibition & possession of specified weapons & firearms at school-sponsored event or on school property; provides penalties; clarifies provisions re prohibited trespass on school property with firearm or other weapon; provides penalty. *(SB 2438 by Haridopolos in Committee)*

HB 1363 – Affordable Housing by Davis

Affordable Housing; provides for disposition of county property, municipal property, & state lands for said housing; provides legislative findings & intent re changes in land use affecting mobile home parks; revises limitation re small scale comprehensive plan amendments involving construction of affordable housing units; creates Manny Diaz Affordable Housing Property Tax Relief Initiative; provides for additional powers of Fla. DCA, etc. *(SB 132 by Bennett on Calendar)*

SB 1590 – Sales Tax Collection Allowance by Rich

Sales Tax Collection Allowance; authorizes dealer to elect to forego collection allowance & direct that said allowance be transferred to Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, to be distributed to school districts as specified; provides exceptions; provides for rulemaking by DOR; provides for costs recovery; requires that DOR report collection information to DOE. *(HB 987 by Gottlieb on Calendar)*

HB 1619 – Schools/Activities/Student Transport by Murzin

Allows students to wear sun-protective items; authorizes use of federal funds to purchase food when federal program guidelines permit such use; authorizes school boards to select vendors to market student class rings and to contract with photographers for taking student yearbook photographs & provides requirements, etc.

SB 1858 – Growth Management by Community Affairs

Growth Management; conforms terminology; expands membership of Century Commission for Sustainable Florida; repeals provision which appropriates certain funds to State Infrastructure Bank from State Transportation Trust Fund; revises sum appropriated for Classrooms for Kids Program; provides continuing appropriation for High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance Grant Program, etc. *(HB 7167 & HB 7253 on Calendar; HB 1485 by Hays & SB 2480 by Dockery in Committee)*

SB 2036 – Construction Defects/Property by Bennett

Construction Defects/Property; revises provisions to expand application to construction defects in any property, excluding public transportation projects; deletes provisions limiting application to only residential property; revises provisions concerning notice re pursuit of said defect claim in certain contracts for design, construction, or remodeling. *(HB by 1139 Murzin in Messages)*

SB 2048 – Education A++ by Education

Education; provides guidelines for implementing E-COMP plan or comparable performance pay plan, policy, or rule adopted by State Board of Education after specified date; specifies that mission of state's K-20 education system is to provide rigorous & relevant learning opportunities for students; provides that opening date for school year may not be earlier than specified date, etc. *(HB 7087 in Messages)*

SB 2170 – Education by Judiciary

Constitutional amendment to provide that every child deserves equal opportunity to obtain high quality educ., regardless of his or her family's income, religion, or race & that students in pre-k through college who have disabilities or are economically disadvantaged, or meet other legislatively specified criteria, may participate, as provided by law, in educ. programs that include nonpublic schools, etc. *(HB 1573 by Rubio in Committee)*

SB 2234 – Education/Failing Schools by Judiciary

Education/Failing Schools; expresses intent of Legislature to create program to enhance failing schools; requires Education Commissioner to develop & submit such program to Legislature; provides scholarship eligibility to students receiving opportunity scholarships during 2005-2006 school year for limited amount of time; prescribes obligations of school districts to inform parents about failing schools, etc.

SB 2252 – District School Boards/Chair by Webster

District School Boards/Chair; provides legislative findings; provides for alternate procedure for election of district school board chair in any school district that does not have district school board member elected at large; requires referendum & provides requirements for submitting such referendum to electors; provides for resolution of tie vote. *(HB 1221 in Messages, Received by Senate, Substituted for 2252, Amended, Passed)*

SB 2254 – Local Funding for Schools by Wise

Local Funding for Schools; clarifies provisions requiring that DOR certify to Commissioner by specified date district & state totals of final taxable values for school purposes for prior year; provides for amount of state funds allocated to district to be adjusted due to change in assessment roll required by final court decision. *(HB 5005 by Fiscal Council in Messages)*

SB 2280 – High Risk Offender/Screening/Schools by Argenziano

High Risk Offender/Screening/Schools; requires distinctive markings for driver's licenses & ID cards issued to persons who are designated as sexual predators or subject to registration as sexual offenders; requires specified offenders who are under supervision of DOC but are not incarcerated to obtain distinctive driver's license or ID card; amends background screening requirements for certain noninstructional school district employees & contractors, etc. *(HB 7117 by Criminal Justice on Calendar)*

SB 2380 – School District Funding by Carlton

School District Funding; increases amount that district school board may spend for new construction of educational plant space; revises method of computing annual operating allocation to each district. *(HB 5005 by Fiscal Council in Messages)*

SB 2688 – Schools / Paperwork Reduction by Haridopolos

Schools; amends provision re powers & duties of district school boards to revise provisions re required school improvement plans; requires district school board establishment of task force to reduce paper & electronic reporting requirements; requires school districts to include certain information concerning meningococcal disease in parent guide; provides planning options to improve student academic achievement, etc. *(HB 1295 by Sansom not heard)*

HB 6001 – Travel Expenses/Reimbursement by Governmental Operations

Travel Expenses/Reimbursement; revises per diem, subsistence, & mileage rates for purposes of reimbursement of travel expenses of public officers, employees, & authorized persons. *(SB 428 by Lawson in Messages)*

HB 7039 – K-8 Virtual School Program by Choice & Innovation

K-8 Virtual School Program; establishes said program within DOE; authorizes schools to be for-profit or nonprofit entities; provides for 3-year contracts for approved schools & authorizes contract renewals; requires schools to provide each student with materials, equipment, & services necessary to receive instruction; requires schools to participate in statewide assessment program & be subject to school grading system, etc. *(SB 1282 by Carlton in Messages)*

HB 7103 – Charter Schools by Choice & Innovation

Charter Schools; modifies provisions re duties of sponsors, application process, denial of application, & review of appeals; provides procedures when state of financial emergency exists; requires DOE to develop uniform accountability report; requires school improvement plan to raise student achievement; authorizes DOE to recommend that school districts make certain space available to charter schools; requires legislative review of said schools in 2010, etc. *(SB 2424 by Webster in Committee)*

HB 7117 – Sexual Predators & Offenders by Criminal Justice

Sexual Predators & Offenders; requires distinctive markings for driver's licenses & ID cards issued to persons who are designated as said predators or subject to registration as said offenders; provides procedures for offenders to obtain such licenses or identification cards; provides for initial issuance; revises provisions re background screening for educator certification; revises provisions re periodic rescreening of such persons. *(SB 2280 by Argenziano on Calendar)*

HB 7167 – Growth Management by Growth Management

Growth Management; revises definition; deletes annual appropriation from State Transportation Trust Fund for State Infrastructure Bank purposes; revises provisions re sources of appropriations to Public Education Capital Outlay & Debt Service Trust Fund to delete annual appropriation to Classroom for Kids Program; revises appropriation from State Transportation Trust Fund for Fla. Strategic Intermodal System purposes etc. *(SB 1858 by Community Affairs on Calendar)*

HB 7173 – Welfare of Children by Future of Florida's Families

Welfare of Children; creates Child Abuse Prevention Office within Executive Office of Governor; provides procedures for evaluation of child abuse prevention programs; provides for development & implementation of state plan for coordination of said programs & svcs.; provides access to records for agencies that provide early intervention & prevention svcs.; provides eligibility criteria for certain persons to qualify for medical assistance payments, etc. *(SB 2470 by Peadar in Committee)*

HB 7253 – Growth Management by Growth Management

Growth Management; specifies limitations on challenges to certain changes in 5-year schedule of capital improvements; requires local govts. & DOT to establish plan for maintaining certain level-of-service standards; provides that school capacity is not basis for finding comprehensive plan not in compliance; requires DOT to conduct study of per-trip fees on certain transportation facilities for certain purposes; provides study criteria. *(SB 1858 by Community Affairs on Calendar)*

FSBA Bills in Messages (4/28/06)

HB 23 – Bicycle Safety by Jordan

Bicycle Safety; revises safety standard requirements for bicycle helmets that must be worn by certain riders & passengers; provides for enforcement of certain bicycle equipment requirements; provides penalties for violations; provides for dismissal of first offense. *(SB 188 by King not heard)*

HB 75 – McKay Scholarships/Disabilities by Bilirakis

McKay Scholarships/Disabilities; revises definition of term "students with disabilities"; revises student eligibility requirements for receipt of scholarship; revises provisions re scholarship funding & payment; provides funding & payment requirements for former School for Deaf & Blind students & for students exiting DJJ program. *(SB 1152 by Haridopolos in Committee)*

HB 133 – Student Voter Education by Anderson

Student Voter Education; authorizes district school boards & county supervisors of elections to cooperate to provide program of voter education for high school seniors; provides guidelines for content of educational program; requires that program of voter education be conducted during school hours. *(SB 110 by Fasano not heard)*

SB 214 – Dart-Firing Stun Guns/Training & Use by Wise

Dart-Firing Stun Guns/Training & Use; defines term "dart-firing stun gun" for purposes of provisions re weapons & firearms; provides circumstances during which law enforcement, correctional, & correctional probation officers may employ said gun; requires certain officers to receive training; requires school resource or law enforcement officer to make certain reports, etc. *(HB 303 by Kravitz on Calendar)*

SB 248 – Automated External Defibrillators by Constantine

Automated External Defibrillators; requires certain high schools to have said defibrillator on school grounds; encourages public & private partnerships to cover certain costs associated with said defibrillators. *(HB 1499 by Brutus in Committee)*

HB 263 – Florida Prepaid College Program by Mealor

Florida Prepaid College Program; renames said program; authorizes funds in Fla. Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program to be used for certain approved scholarship programs; deletes restriction on types of postsecondary educational institutions to which qualified beneficiary may apply his or her benefits under said program; requires direct-support organization of Fla. Prepaid College Board to administer said program, etc. *(SB 550 by Baker on Special Order)*

SB 266 – Athletic Trainers/Licensure by Fasano

Athletic Trainers/Licensure; revises requirements for licensure as athletic trainer; provides that person employed as apprentice trainer or athletic trainer is not exempt from specified provisions; deletes classification of first responder in school district's athletic injuries prevention & treatment program; requires that athletic trainer employed by school district be licensed as athletic trainer. *(HB 569 by Kreegel on Calendar)*

HB 291 – Public School Grading System by Bean

Public School Grading System; adding certain feeder pattern schools to list of schools receiving school grade; prescribes circumstances in which feeder pattern exists; allows students served by feeder pattern schools to participate in Opportunity Scholarship Program; allows feeder pattern schools to participate in Fla. School Recognition Program. *(SB 500 by Wise in Committee)*

SB 306 – School Year/Opening Date by Margolis

School Year/Opening Date; amends specified provision re powers & duties of district school boards; provides requirement re opening date of school year; includes opening date requirement for participation in Fla. Education Finance Program; provides for applicability beginning with 2007-2008 school year unless decision is made by district school board to apply such provisions beginning with 2006-2007 school year. *(HB 177 by Gelber in Committee)*

SB 354 – Veterans' Day Observance/Schools by Hill

Veterans' Day Observance/Schools; requires school districts to observe Veterans' Day; prohibits holding classes on that day; provides exception; requires date of Veterans' Day observance to correspond with federal holiday. *(HB 397 by Davis in Committee)*

SB 370 – Speech-language Pathology/Audiology by Peaden

Speech-language Pathology/Audiology; revises requirements for DOH in issuing provisional license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology; revises licensing requirements for applicants who graduated, or who are currently enrolled, in speech-language pathology or audiology program at university located outside of U.S. or Canada; revises requirements for person to be certified as audiology assistant, etc. *(HB 747 by Greenstein in Committee)*

SB 428 – Travel Expenses/Reimbursement by Lawson

Travel Expenses/Reimbursement; revises per diem, subsistence, & mileage rates for purposes of reimbursement of travel expenses of public officers, employees, & authorized persons. *(HB 6001 by Gov Ops on Calendar)*

HB 513 – Career & Professional Academies by Bilirakis

Career & Professional Academies; defines "career & professional academy"; authorizes an academy to be offered as described small learning community; requires DOE to establish Career High-Skill Occupational Initiative for Career Education (CHOICE) project as competitive process for designation of school district participants & CHOICE academies; provides for award to school district participants in CHOICE project of startup funds for development of CHOICE academies. *(SB 1480 by Wise in Committee)*

HB 535 – Stand Up for All Students Act by Bogdanoff

Stand Up for All Students Act; prohibits bullying & harassment during education programs & activities, on school buses, or through use of data or computer software accessed through computer systems of certain educational institutions; requires each school district to adopt policy prohibiting such bullying & harassment; requires DOE approval of school district's policy & compliance with reporting procedures as prerequisites to receipt of safe schools funds, etc. *(SB 1384 by Baker in Committee)*

SB 692 – Sales Tax/School Supplies & Clothing by Webster

Sales Tax/School Supplies & Clothing; specifies period during which sale of books, clothing, & school supplies is exempt from tax on sales, use, & other transactions; provides definitions; provides exceptions; authorizes DOR to adopt rules. *(HB 29 by Sansom on Calendar)*

HB 899 – Regional Consortium Service Organizations by Richardson

Regional Consortium Service Org.; requires determination of services & use of funds to be established by board of directors of said organization; authorizes establishment of purchasing & bidding programs in lieu of individual school district bid arrangements; authorizes establishment of direct-support organization. *(SB 1710 by Wise in Committee)*

SB 1004 – Personnel Discipline/Public Schools by Bullard

Personnel Discipline/Public Schools; authorizes Education Practices Commission to penalize any person who knowingly obtained or knowingly attempted to obtain educator certificate by fraudulent means; provides for prospective application of act. *(HB 1025 by Bullard not heard)*

HB 1139 – Construction Defects/Property by Murzin

Construction Defects/Property; revises provisions to expand application to construction defects in any property other than public transportation projects; deletes language limiting application to only residential property; revises provisions re required notices for construction defect claims under certain construction contracts; applies provisions of specified chapter, notwithstanding certain notice requirements. *(SB 2036 by Bennett on Calendar)*

HB 1221 – District School Boards/Chair by Cannon

District School Boards/Chair; provides for alternate procedure for election of district school board chair in any school district that does not have district school board member elected at large; requires referendum & provides requirements for submitting such referendum to electors; provides for resolution of tie vote by said chair & said board members; amends provisions re organization of said boards, to conform. *(SB 2252 by Webster on Calendar, Substituted for 1221, Laid on Table)*

HB 1243 – Education Personnel by Mahon

Education Personnel; authorizes regional professional development academy to receive funds from certain sources for purpose of developing programs & services; provides that said academy is not component of any school district or governmental unit to which it provides services. *(SB 1148 by King in Committee)*

SB 1282 – K-8 Virtual School Program by Carlton

K-8 Virtual School Program; establishes said program within DOE; authorizes participating schools to be for-profit or nonprofit entities; requires that instructional personnel have Florida teaching certificates; requires education plans to conform to Sunshine State Standards; requires school applicants to provide 3-year financial plan; requires participating schools to provide each student with equipment, materials, & services necessary to receive instruction, etc. *(HB 7039 by Choice & Innovation on Calendar)*

HB 1373 – Supplemental Educational Services by Attkisson

Supplemental Educational Services; requires DOE to establish committee of practitioners; provides for appointments & authority; authorizes incentives for student performance or attendance & establishes limits; establishes responsibilities of school districts & providers; provides requirements for school district & provider compliance; provides penalties for noncompliance; authorizes application for reallocation of funds & provides for appeal, etc. *(SB 2616 by Wise in Committee)*

SB 2000 – Ethics/Public Officers & Employees by Posey

Ethics/Public Officers & Employees; prohibits employees of state & its political subdivisions from participating in political campaign; prohibits certain disclosures or use by former public officer, agency employee, or local government attorney; clarifies that existing postemployment restrictions apply to certain agency employees; redefines term "expenditure" for purposes of provisions governing lobbying before Legislature, etc. *HB 493 by Ryan on Calendar)*

HB 5005 – Education Funding by Fiscal Council

Education Funding; revises use of excise taxes on documents distributed to Public Education Capital Outlay & Debt Service Trust Fund; allows slot machine tax revenue to be made available for bond payments if necessary to comply with bond covenants; revises schedule of implementation of class size compliance at district & school levels; revises charter school capital outlay funding eligibility criteria & allocation of funds, etc. *(SB 2380 by Carlton on Calendar)*

HB 7041 – Scholarship Program Accountability

Scholarship Program Accountability; amends provisions re John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; revises student eligibility requirements for receipt of scholarship & restricts eligibility therefor; revises & adds school district obligations & clarifies parental options; provides funding & payment requirements for former Fla. School for Deaf & Blind students & for students exiting DJJ program, etc. *(SB 256 by King on Calendar)*

HB 7087 – Education / A++ by PreK-12

Education; authorizes Legislative Budget Commission to review state plan to implement federal requirements; revises mission of state's K-20 education system; creates Just Read, Florida! Office in DOE; deletes requirement that certain children receive preference for admission to special academic programs even if maximum enrollment has been reached; establishes revised requirements for high school graduation, etc. *(SB 2048 by Education on Calendar)*

HB 7097 – Postsecondary Education by Community Colleges & Workforce

Postsecondary Education; authorizes articulation agreement for delivery of associate in applied science degree programs by career centers; provides for charter technical career center to use designation "technical college"; revises provisions re establishment of interinstitutional mechanisms by public postsecondary educational institutions; establishes School District Career Center Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program, etc. *(SB 2326 by Baker in Committee)*

HB 7119 – Student Athlete Recruiting/Drug Test by PreK-12

Student Athlete Recruiting/Drug Test; requires Fla. High School Athletic Association to hold certain bylaws in abeyance; requires said association to facilitate 1-year drug testing program to randomly test for anabolic steroid use by students in grades 9 through 12 who participate in postseason competition in football, baseball, girls' softball, & weightlifting in its member schools; provides penalties for positive findings, etc. *(SB 2558 by Saunders on Calendar [recruiting issues only]; SB 1928 by Peaden in Committee)*

FSBA Enrolled Bills (4/28/06)

HB 21 – Social Status/Black Men & Boys by Peterman (SB 436 by Wilson)

Social Status/Black Men & Boys; creates Council on the Social Status of Black Men & Boys; provides for appointment & qualification of members; requires council to make systematic study of conditions affecting black men & boys; requires Attorney General's Office to provide administrative support; requires council to submit annual report to Governor & Legislature; provides that council & any subcommittees it forms are subject to public records & meetings requirements, etc.

HB 47 – Hurricane Preparedness/Sales Tax by Greenstein (SB 24 by Baker)

Hurricane Preparedness/Sales Tax; provides exemption from sales & use tax for sales of certain tangible personal property for certain periods; provides exception for sales within certain facilities; authorizes DOR to adopt certain rules; provides for reversion & reappropriation of certain unexpended balance.

HB 429 – Florida School for Deaf & Blind by Proctor (SB 1014 by Wise)

Florida School for Deaf & Blind; authorizes provision of education services to district school boards upon request; revises powers & duties of Board of Trustees for said school re requirements for expenditure of certain funds & submission of capital outlay budget requests; authorizes campus police officers to enforce traffic laws; deletes provisions authorizing bonding of campus police officers, etc.

HB 765 – Students/Computers & Internet Access by Jennings (SB 502 by Wilson)

Students/Computers & Internet Access; creates program to offer discounted computers & Internet access to public school students & students in home education programs in grades 5 through 12; requires DOE to negotiate terms with computer manufacturers, certain nonprofit corporations, & broadband Internet access providers; requires Digital Divide Council to implement pilot project to assist low-income students with purchasing said computers & Internet access services, etc.

HB 5025 – FRS/Payroll Contribution Rates by Fiscal Council (SB 1040 by Gov Oversight)

FRS/Payroll Contribution Rates; revises payroll contribution rates for membership classes of Fla. Retirement System for state fiscal years effective July 1, 2006, & July 1, 2007; provides declaration of important state interest.

FSBA Legislative Session Summary and Legislative Review Workshops

Shortly after the Legislature adjourns, we will complete and mail you our 2006 Legislative Session Summary that provides an in-depth analysis of the education budget and detailed summaries of education related bills that passed during the session. In addition, FSBA will be conducting comprehensive workshops to report on the activities and outcome of the 2006 Legislative Session. We will provide copies of our Session Summary books at the workshop. Below is a list of the dates, times, and locations of the FSBA Legislative Review Workshops that have been scheduled thus far (*additional information and a workshop registration form have already been mailed to you under separate cover*). Please plan on attending one of these important workshops.

Friday, May 12, 2006
8:30 - 11:30 am
Hilton Daytona Beach Resort
100 North Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL

Tuesday, May 16, 2006
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Columbia County School District Auditorium
372 West Duval Street
Lake City, FL

Wednesday, May 17, 2006
5:00 - 8:00 pm (CST)
Panhandle Area Educational Center
753 West Boulevard
Chipley, FL

Friday, June 16, 2006
10:15 am - 12:30 pm
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
2900 Bayport Drive
Tampa, FL