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HB 0037 School Bus Safety

Sponsored by Representative Zika

School Bus Safety: Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for a school bus. School buses are required to stop as far to the right of the street as possible and display warning lights and stop signals before discharging or loading passengers. Other drivers are required to bring their vehicles to a full stop when approaching a stopped school bus displaying a stop signal until the signal has been withdrawn.

The minimum civil penalty for failing to stop for a school bus displaying the stop signal is \$100. For a second or subsequent offense within a period of five years, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) must suspend the driver license of the driver for not less than three months and not more than six months. The minimum civil penalty for passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop signal is \$200. For a second or subsequent offense within a period of five years, DHSMV must suspend the driver license of the driver for not less than six months and not more than one year.

The bill increases the minimum civil penalty for failure to stop for a school bus from \$100 to \$200. For a subsequent offense within five years, DHSMV must suspend the driver license of the driver for not less than six months and not more than one year. The bill also increases the minimum civil penalty for passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit from \$200 to \$400. For a subsequent offense within five years, DHSMV must suspend the driver license of the driver for not less than one year and not more than two years.

The bill will likely have an indeterminate, positive fiscal impact on state and local government revenues because of increasing the civil penalties for failing to stop for a school bus and passing a stopped school bus. DHSMV estimates an insignificant negative impact to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund due to required programming and implementation costs. Those costs can be absorbed within existing resources.

*Effective Date: January 1, 2021
03/07/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

HB 0043 Child Welfare

Sponsored by Representative Latvala

The bill, also called "Jordan's Law", creates a communication process between DCF and law enforcement by requiring the systems used by both agencies to connect in a way that allows the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to make available to law enforcement agencies information that a person is a parent or caregiver involved in the child welfare system. The bill further requires that if a law enforcement officer interacts with such a person and has concerns for a child's health, safety, or well-being, the officer shall contact the Florida central abuse hotline so the hotline can provide relevant information to individuals involved in the child's case.

The bill amends several statutes to require child welfare professionals and law enforcement officers to receive training on the recognition of, and responses to, head trauma and brain injury in a child under six years of age. The bill amends the definition of "Guardian ad Litem" to include the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office and allows the statewide office to have a representative of a domestic violence advocacy group on its training curriculum committee.

The bill amends s. 409.988(3), F.S., to allow DCF and community-based care lead agencies to provide intensive family reunification services that combine child welfare and mental health services for families

with dependent children under six years of age.

Finally, the bill amends s. 409.996, F.S., to give DCF discretion to select up to three lead agencies to develop and implement a program to improve case management services for dependent children under six years of age.

The bill has an insignificant negative, nonrecurring fiscal impact to DCF and FDLE. The bill has no fiscal impact on local governments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

03/12/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 0070 Alert Systems in Public Schools

Sponsored by Senator Book

CS/CS/SB 70 creates “Alyssa’s Law.”

The bill modifies statute to:

- Requires each public school, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, to implement an interoperable mobile panic alert system, known as “Alyssa’s Alert”, capable of connecting diverse emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responders.
- For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, subject to legislative appropriation, require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, to develop a competitive solicitation for a statewide mobile panic alert system.

The bill may have a significant, negative fiscal impact to school districts.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2020.

03/10/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0081 Health Care for Children

Sponsored by Representative Andrade

Health Care for Children: Requiring the Department of Health to create and make available electronically a pamphlet with specified information; revising applicable provisions for the reimbursement of school-based services by the Agency for Health Care Administration to certain school districts; requiring certain individual educational plan teams and individualized family support plan teams to include a specified specialist, etc.

The bill aligns Florida law with the 2014 CMS guidance by eliminating the requirement that Medicaid recipients receiving services through the Florida Medicaid Certified School Match Program qualify for Part B or H of the IDEA, or for exceptional student services, or have an IEP or IFSP.

The bill also aligns Medicaid provider enrollment requirements for charter and private schools with those in place for public school districts. Under the bill, practitioners providing services in charter and private schools will not be required to directly enroll as Medicaid providers, so long as the charter or private school in which services occur is enrolled as a Medicaid provider.

This bill may increase the reimbursement that school districts and charter schools receive for Medicaid services provided for eligible students who no longer need an IEP or IFSP. The bill is not anticipated to impact state spending; however school districts may have to reallocate existing state and local funds in order to receive matching federal Medicaid funds.

HB 0101 Public Construction

Sponsored by Representative Andrade

The bill changes the limits on retainage permitted to be withheld on state and local government contracts.

For contracts more than \$200,000, the bill reduces the maximum amount that may be retained:

- From ten percent before half of the work is complete, and five percent after half of the work is complete to five percent for the entire project; and
- From ten percent for the entire project if the government entity is a municipality with a population of 25,000 or less or a county with a population of 100,000 or less to five percent for the entire project.

The bill repeals:

- The ability of a contractor to make a request the government entity release up to half of the retained amount after half of the project is completed; and
- The ability of a contractor to withhold more than five percent of each progress payment to his or her subcontractors after half of a project for a government entity is completed.
- For contracts less than \$200,000, the bill reduces the amount that the state may retain from a progress payment to a contractor from ten percent to five percent.

The provisions of the bill do not apply to FDOT construction projects authorized by ch. 337, F.S., or any contract for construction services entered into, pending approval, or advertised by a government entity, on or before October 1, 2020.

The bill may have a fiscal impact on state government and local governments.

The bill provides for an effective date of October 1, 2020.

03/03/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0115 Keep Our Graduates Working Act

Sponsored by Representative Duran

Keep Our Graduates Working Act:

- Prohibits any state authority, including DOH, from denying the issuance of, refusing to renew, suspending, or revoking a professional license based solely on the licensee being delinquent on a payment of or defaulting on his or her student loans;
- Removes the specific provision allowing DOH to discipline a health care practitioner for failing to repay a student loan and the associated mandatory discipline;
- Repeals the requirement that DOH must issue an emergency order suspending a health care practitioner's license for a student loan default, absent timely proof of a new repayment plan; and
- Repeals the requirement that DOH must obtain a monthly list from the USHHS of the health care practitioners who have defaulted on their student loans.

The bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact on state government. The bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on local governments.

*The bill provides for an effective date of July 1, 2020.
02/13/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

SB 0156 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program

Sponsored by Senator Perry

CS/CS/SB 156 extends the scheduled expiration of the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2022. The bill also modifies the eligibility requirements for the pilot program by changing the requirement from each elementary school in the district having a comprehensive music education program to specified elementary schools in the district having a comprehensive music education program.

The bill has no impact on state revenues or expenditures. The pilot program is contingent upon legislative appropriation.

*This bill takes effect July 1, 2020.
03/11/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

HB 0163 Homelessness

Sponsored by Representative Altman

HB 163 revises the state's approach to homelessness by adopting the federal definition for "homeless" and aligning other state requirements with HUD requirements. The bill also changes the roles of the State Office and the requirements for its award of grants. For instance, the bill reduces the amount of matching funds or in-kind support required for a challenge grant recipient from 100% to 25%, increases the maximum percentage of grant funds that a Continuum of Care lead agency may spend on its administrative costs from 8% to 10%, and changes preference for funding to be to lead agencies for continuums of care that have a demonstrated ability to move households out of homelessness.

The 17-member Council on Homelessness develops recommendations on how to reduce homelessness statewide and advises the State Office. HB 163 adds a representative each from the Florida Housing Coalition and the Department of Elder Affairs to the council.

The bill amends sections of law outlining two approaches to housing services, Rapid ReHousing and Housing First. It requires that individuals and families being considered for Rapid ReHousing assistance be assessed and prioritized through the continuum of care's coordinated entry system. The bill also removes the program element indicating a benefit for an individual to have a background check and complete rehabilitation for any addiction to substances when participating in Housing First services.

*The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local government.
The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2020.
03/10/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

HB 0171 Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel

Sponsored by Representative Ponder

Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel: Requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to create a process for the

uniform award of postsecondary credit or career education clock hours to certain servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces; requiring specified postsecondary institutions to waive the transcript fee for active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents.

Postsecondary credit or career education clock hours awarded for military experience and credentials could reduce the educational costs to students in tuition costs. Additionally, active duty members and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, their spouses and dependents, will no longer be assessed a transcript fee from a state university, FCS institution, career center operated by a school district, or a charter career center.

*This bill provides an effective date: upon becoming a law
03/05/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

SB 0178 Public Financing of Construction Projects

Sponsored by Senator Rodriguez (J)

Public Financing of Construction Projects; Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas after a specified date without first taking certain steps regarding a sea level impact projection study; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies; providing that such rule operates prospectively on projects that have not yet commenced as of the finalization of the rule.

The bill requires the DEP to promulgate and administer new regulations which may cause the DEP to incur additional costs.

Requiring government entities to conduct a sea-level impact study prior to construction may result in an indeterminate, negative fiscal impact on the government sector in the short-term. However, the bill requires procedures that identify risks and potentially avoid damage and loss of coastal structures that are constructed, at least in part, using funds appropriated from the state. This may result in state funds, or potentially federal grant money that is appropriated from the state, being used for coastal structures that have less risk of damage or loss over time, or coastal structures that may remain undamaged or intact for a longer period of time. Therefore, the bill may result in an indeterminate, positive impact on the government sector in the long-term.

*Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020
03/11/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

HB 0199 Sexual Battery Prosecution Time Limitation

Sponsored by Representative Davis

CS/HB 199 creates “Donna’s Law” to remove the statute of limitations (SOL) and permit prosecution to be commenced at any time for any sexual battery offense involving a victim younger than 18 at the time the offense is committed. The bill applies only to a qualifying offense committed on or after July 1, 2020. *The bill may have a positive impact on the number of jail beds by removing any time limitations for the prosecution of sexual battery crimes against minor victims.*

*Effective Date: July 1, 2020
03/11/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

SB 0226 Athletic Trainers

Sponsored by Senator Harrell

CS/SB 226 requires an athletic trainer to work within his or her scope of practice as defined by the Board of Athletic Trainers (BOAT) and revises the educational and internship requirements for licensure. The bill amends s. 468.701, F.S., to remove a substantive statutory provision from the definition of "athletic trainer" and relocate that provision to s. 468.713, F.S. The provision in question restricts a licensed athletic trainer from providing, offering to provide, or representing that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from providing.

The bill also specifies within s. 468.713, F.S., that an athletic trainer shall work within his or her allowable scope of practice as specified in BOAT rule under s. 468.705, F.S.

The bill amends the licensure requirements for an athletic trainer in s. 468.707, F.S., to create a new licensure pathway for applicants who hold a bachelor's degree, have completed the BOC internship requirements, and hold a current certification from the BOC to become licensed in Florida.

The bill amends s. 468.711, F.S., relating to licensure renewal requirements to require an athletic trainer to maintain his or her BOC certification in good standing without lapse. A licensee will have to demonstrate the continuous good-standing of his or her BOC certification at the time of renewal.

The bill amends s. 468.723, F.S., to give the BOAT rulemaking authority to further define the supervision between an athletic training student and a licensed athletic trainer, rather than relying on compliance with standards set by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

CS/SB 226 has an insignificant negative impact on state revenues and expenditures. The department will experience an insignificant increase in workload associated with rulemaking activities required in the bill. These costs can be absorbed within existing resources of the department.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2020.
03/10/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0279 Local Government Public Construction Works

Sponsored by Representative Smith (D)

Local Government Public Construction Works: Revising disclosure requirements for bidding documents and other requests for proposals issued for bids by a local governmental entity and public contracts entered into between local governmental entities and contractors; requiring that a local government that performs projects using its own services, employees, and equipment provide a report to the local governing board with certain information.

The bill may have an indeterminate positive fiscal impact on local governments if the estimated cost for a local government to complete a construction project causes governing boards to select private contractors that can perform the projects at a lower cost. Any increase in projects awarded to private contractors would result in a positive fiscal impact on the private sector.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020
03/12/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 0348 Florida Kidcare Program

Sponsored by Senator Bean

SB 348 repeals the lifetime benefit maximum of \$1 million on covered expenses per child enrolled in the Healthy Kids program. Under the bill, no child will be disenrolled from the Healthy Kids program because he or she has reached the lifetime benefit maximum.

*Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
03/11/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

HB 0369 Limitation on Homestead Assessments

Sponsored by Representative Roth

The joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution extending the period to transfer the SOH benefit from a prior homestead to a new homestead by an additional year. As such, the SOH benefit can be transferred to a new homestead if the new homestead is established by January 1 of the third year subsequent to abandonment of the old homestead.

The joint resolution, would be considered by the electorate at the next general election on November 3, 2020. If adopted at the 2020 general election, the resolution would take effect January 1, 2021.

The Constitution requires 60 percent voter approval for passage of a proposed constitutional amendment.

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) determined the joint resolution had a zero/negative indeterminate impact because of the need for voter approval. If the constitutional amendment does not pass, the impact is zero. However, if approved, REC estimates the joint resolution would reduce local property taxes by \$1.8 million, beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, eventually growing to an annual reduction of \$10.2 million.

*Effective Date: Not Specified
03/11/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

HB 0371 Limitations on Homestead Assessments

Sponsored by Representative Roth

This bill, which is linked to the passage of HJR 369 (2020), implements the constitutional amendment. The bill extends the portability period for homestead property owners to transfer a prior SOH benefit from two years to three years. A homeowner who establishes a new homestead as of January 1 would be able to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value if the homeowner received a prior homestead exemption as of January in any of the immediately preceding three years. The portability period for homeowners of storm-damaged or destroyed homesteads is also extended from two to three years. The bill also deletes obsolete language applying to homestead exemptions available in 2008. If the joint resolution is approved by the voters, the changes in this bill will begin with the 2021 tax roll.

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) determined the joint resolution had a zero/negative indeterminate impact because of the need for voter approval. If the constitutional amendment does not pass, the impact is zero. However, if approved, REC determined the joint resolution would reduce local property taxes by \$1.8 million, beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, eventually growing to an annual reduction of \$10.2 million.

03/11/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 0410 Growth Management

Sponsored by Senator Perry

Growth Management; Prohibiting counties from adopting, after a specified date, a comprehensive plan, a land development regulation, or another form of restriction unless certain conditions are met; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to give a preference to certain counties and municipalities when selecting applications for funding for specified technical assistance; requiring local governments

to include a property rights element in their comprehensive plans; providing that certain property owners are not required to consent to development agreement changes under certain circumstances.

The bill amends s. 163.3168, F.S., to require DEO, when selecting applications for Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants, to give preference to certain small counties and municipalities for assistance in:

- Determining whether an area in and around a proposed multiuse corridor interchange contains appropriate land uses and natural resource protection; and
- Developing or amending a local government's comprehensive plan to provide for land use, natural resource protection, and intended benefits associated with a proposed multiuse corridor interchange.

Counties with a population of 200,000 or less, and municipalities within such counties, are eligible for the funding preference provided in the bill.

Effective Date: 7/1/2020

03/13/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 0434 Designation of School Grades

Sponsored by Senator Montford

CS/SB 434 modifies the high school acceleration component of the school grading model to add to the calculation students who complete career certificate dual enrollment courses resulting in 300 or more clock hours that are identified by the State Board of Education (SBE).

In the most recent Dual Enrollment Course—High School Subject Area Equivalency List approved by the SBE, there are a total of 961 postsecondary career certificate courses approved for dual enrollment. Of these, 287 career certificate courses are offered for at least 300 clock hours, and therefore students who take such career education courses may be included in the school grades calculation as modified in the bill.

The bill may incentivize school districts to increase the enrollment of high school students in career certificate courses through dual enrollment, which may have a positive effect on a high school's grade calculation. Students may then have more opportunities to complete career education programs and industry certifications.

The bill has no impact on state revenues or expenditures.

The bill take effect on July 1, 2020.

03/10/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0441 Public Procurement of Services

Sponsored by Representative DiCeglie

Public Procurement of Services: Revises maximum dollar amount for continuing contracts for construction projects; revises term "continuing contract" to increase certain maximum dollar amounts for professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, & surveying & mapping services. The CCNA explicitly states it does not prohibit a continuing contract between a firm and an agency. A continuing contract is a contract for professional services entered into in accordance with the CCNA between an agency and a firm whereby the firm provides professional services to the agency for several projects. The CCNA prohibits firms that are parties to a continuing contract from being required to bid against one another. Current law authorizes the use of a continuing contract for construction projects in

which the estimated construction cost of each project does not exceed \$2 million, for study activities if the fee for professional services for each study does not exceed \$200,000, or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract required by the agency, with the contract being for a fixed term or with no time limitation except the contract must include a termination clause. The estimated construction cost of each project in a continuing contract may not exceed \$2 million, or in the case of study activities, the fee for professional services for each study may not exceed \$200,000.

The bill increases the maximum limit for continuing contracts covered by the CCNA from an estimated per- project construction cost of \$2 million to \$4 million. The bill also increases the maximum limit for procuring a study using a continuing contract from \$200,000 per study to \$500,000.

The bill may have a positive, yet indeterminate fiscal impact on state and local government expenditures.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

03/11/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0641 Articulated Acceleration Mechanisms in Education

Sponsored by Representative Plasencia

Articulated Acceleration Mechanisms in Education: Removing a limitation on the number of semester credit hours a student may be awarded in certain programs; 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 beginning in a specified fiscal year.

HB 641 also includes the **TEACHER SALARY INCREASE ALLOCATION**, which finds that the Legislature may annually provide in the Florida Education Finance Program a teacher salary increase allocation to assist school districts in their recruitment and retention of classroom teachers and other instructional personnel. The amount of the allocation shall be specified in the General Appropriations Act.(a) Each school district shall receive an allocation based on the school district's proportionate share of the base FEFP allocation. Each school district shall provide each charter school within its district its proportionate share calculated pursuant to s. 1002.33(17)(b). (b) Allocation funds are restricted in use as follows:

1. Each school district and charter school shall use its share of the allocation to increase the minimum base salary for full-time classroom teachers, as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a), plus certified prekindergarten teachers funded in the Florida Education Finance Program, to at least \$47,500, or to the maximum amount achievable based on the allocation and as specified in the General Appropriations Act. The term "minimum base salary" means the lowest annual base salary reported on the salary schedule for a full-time classroom teacher. No full-time classroom teacher shall receive a salary less than the minimum base does salary as adjusted by this subparagraph. This does not apply to substitute teachers.
2. In addition, each school district shall use its share of the allocation to provide salary increases, as funding permits, for the following personnel: Full-time classroom teachers, as defined in s.1012.01(2)(a), plus certified prekindergarten teachers funded in the Florida Education Finance Program, who did not receive an increase or who received an increase of less than two percent under subparagraph 1. or as specified in the General Appropriations Act. This subparagraph does not apply to substitute teachers. Other full-time instructional personnel as defined in s.1012.01(2)(b)-(d).
3. A school district or charter school may use funds available after the requirements of subparagraph 1. are met to provide salary increases pursuant to subparagraph 2.
4. A school district or charter school shall maintain the minimum base salary achieved for classroom

teachers provided under subparagraph 1. and may not reduce the salary increases provided under subparagraph 2. in any subsequent fiscal year, unless specifically authorized in the General Appropriations Act.

Before distributing allocation funds, each school district and charter school shall develop a salary distribution plan and must submit the plan to the district school board or the charter school governing body for approval. Once approved, it must be submitted to the department by October 1 of each fiscal year. By December 1, each district shall provide a preliminary report to the department and by February 1, the department shall submit a report to the Governor, Speaker of the House and Senate President on the planned expenditure of the teacher salary allocation provided by each district and charter school. By August 1, each district shall provide a final report to the department for the prior fiscal year. Each charter school governing board shall submit the information to the district school board for inclusion.

A district school board or charter school or charter school governing board that are unable to meet the requirements of this bill, due to a collective bargaining impasse, must provide written notification to the department or district school board detailing the reasons for the impasse and a detailed timeline for a resolution.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

03/13/20 HOUSE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

SB 0662 Education and the Military

Sponsored by Senator Wright

Education and the Military; CS/CS/CS/SB 662 gives greater flexibility to transitioning students from military families by considering a student a resident of the school district at the point in time in which the parent is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation within the state, for purposes of enrollment and preferential treatment in special programs.

The bill also modifies the school grading model for high schools by adding to the calculation the percentage of students who earn a Category II Armed Forces Qualification Test score or higher on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and have earned a minimum of two credits in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps courses from the same branch of the United States Armed Forces as a school grade college and career acceleration component.

The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2020, although the provisions to modify the school grading model begin with the 2022-2023 school year.

03/10/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0705 Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets

Sponsored by Representative Killebrew

The bill requires counties that maintain designated shelters to designate a shelter that can accommodate persons with pets. The shelter must be in compliance with applicable FEMA Disaster Assistance Policies and Procedures and with safety procedures regarding the sheltering of pets established in the shelter component of both local and state comprehensive emergency management plans.

The bill also requires the Department of Education to assist the division in determining strategies for the evacuation of persons with pets for the shelter component of the state comprehensive emergency management plan.

The bill may have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local governments and does not appear to have a fiscal impact on the state.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

03/07/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0877 Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities

Sponsored by Representative Killebrew

This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution to allow the same ad valorem tax discount on homestead property for combat-disabled veterans age 65 or older to carry over to the surviving spouse of a veteran receiving the discount if the surviving spouse holds legal or beneficial title to the homestead and permanently resides thereon. The discount would apply to the property until the surviving spouse remarries, sells, or otherwise disposes of the property. If the surviving spouse sells the property, the discount may be transferred to the surviving spouse's new residence, not to exceed the dollar amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax roll, as long as the residence is used as the surviving spouse's permanent residence and he or she does not remarry.

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) estimated the proposed constitutional amendment to have a zero or negative indeterminate impact on local government revenues due to the need for approval by the voters. If approved by the voters, and assuming current millage rates, the REC estimated the proposed constitutional amendment to have a negative impact on school tax revenues of \$0.4 million in fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 with a recurring negative impact of \$1.6 million. The negative impact on non-school property tax revenues is estimated to be \$0.6 million in FY 2021-22 with a recurring negative impact of \$2.4 million.

If approved by the voters, the joint resolution will be effective January 1, 2021.

03/05/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0879 Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Reduction

Sponsored by Representative Killebrew

HJR 877 (2020), which this bill is linked to, proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution to allow the same ad valorem tax discount on homestead property for combat-disabled veterans age 65 or older to carry over to the surviving spouse of a veteran receiving the discount if certain requirements are met. This bill implements HJR 877 if the voters approve the amendment. The bill allows the same ad valorem tax discount on homestead property for combat-disabled veterans age 65 or older to carry over to the surviving spouse of a veteran receiving the discount if the surviving spouse holds legal or beneficial title to the homestead and permanently resides thereon. The discount would apply to the property until the surviving spouse remarries, sells, or otherwise disposes of the property. If the surviving spouse sells the property, the discount may be transferred to the surviving spouse's new residence, not to exceed the amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax roll, as long as the residence is used as the surviving spouse's permanent residence and he or she does not remarry.

A spouse who is qualified to receive the discount and who fails to file an application by March 1 may file the application for the discount and may file a petition with the value adjustment board requesting that the discount be granted.

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) estimated the proposed constitutional amendment to have a zero or negative indeterminate impact on local government revenues due to the need for approval by

the voters. If approved by the voters, and assuming current millage rates, the REC estimated the proposed constitutional amendment to have a negative impact on school tax revenues of \$0.4 million in fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 with a recurring negative impact of \$1.6 million. The negative impact on non-school property tax revenues is estimated to be \$0.6 million in FY 2021-22 with a recurring negative impact of \$2.4 million.

The bill takes effect on the same date that HJR 877, or a similar joint resolution, is approved by the electors at the general election to be held in November 2020 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized for that purpose. *If approved by the voters, the joint resolution will become effective on January 1, 2021.*

03/05/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0945 Children's Mental Health

Sponsored by Representative Silvers

Children's Mental Health: Requires DCF & AHCA to identify children & adolescents who use crisis stabilization services & to meet behavioral health needs of such children & adolescents; requires development of plans promoting coordinated system of care for certain services; requires testing of provider network databases maintained by Medicaid managed care plans; requires verification of use of certain strategies & outreach before student is removed from school, school transportation, or school-sponsored activity under specified circumstances; provides exception; requires DCF & AHCA to assess quality of care provided in crisis stabilization units. CS/CS HB 945 creates a coordinated system of care, the development of which is facilitated by each behavioral health managing entity, which integrates services provided through providers funded by the state's child-serving systems, as well as other systems for which children and adolescents would qualify, and facilitates access by children and adolescents to needed mental health treatment and services at any point of entry.

The bill has an insignificant, negative impact on DCF and AHCA which can be absorbed within existing resources. The bill has an indeterminate, negative fiscal impact on local governments.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2020.

03/12/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0969 Broadband Internet Service

Sponsored by Representative Drake

The bill designates the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) as the lead state agency to facilitate the expansion of broadband Internet service in the state. It creates the Florida Office of Broadband (Office) within DEO's Division of Community Development for purposes of developing, marketing, and promoting broadband Internet service in the state. The bill may improve the opportunity for entities within the state to receive funding to support deployment of broadband Internet service in rural, underserved, and unserved areas of the state, which may enhance economic development in those areas.

The bill provides that up to \$5 million of funds transferred to the Florida Turnpike Enterprise may be used for projects that assist in the development of broadband infrastructure within or adjacent to a multiuse corridor. Current law transfers \$35 million to the Turnpike Enterprise.

This provision simply expands the use of these funds to include broadband infrastructure, thus it will not affect revenues nor expenditures.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

03/07/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 1060 Public Records and Meetings/911, E911, or Public Safety Radio Communication System

Sponsored by Senator Thurston, Jr.

CS/CS/SB 1060 makes confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements certain plans and geographical maps relating to 911, E911, or public safety radio communication structures or facilities owned and operated by a state agency. Any portion of a meeting that would reveal the confidential and exempt information is made exempt from the public meeting requirements.

*Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
03/12/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

SB 1066 Impact Fees

Sponsored by Senator Gruters

CS/CS/CS/SB 1066 removes the provision in the bill that would allow certain local governments to impose both a contribution requirement related to public education facilities and an education-related impact fee without any offsetting credit. In order to qualify, the local government must have been governed by a charter that was adopted and implemented before December 31, 2006, and the charter language must contain provisions for providing school capacity. Qualifying local governments must use the contributions related to public education facilities to fund impacts not otherwise funded by education-related impact fees.

*Effective Date: 7/1/2020
03/16/20 SENATE enrolled text filed*

HB 1213 Educational Instruction of Historical Events

Sponsored by Representative Fine

Educational Instruction of Historical Events: Directing the Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force to determine ways in which the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots will be included in required instruction on African-American history; directing the Secretary of State to take certain action regarding the inclusion of the history of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots in museum exhibits; directing the Secretary of Environmental Protection to assess naming opportunities for state parks, or a portion of a facility therein, in recognizing victims of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots; encouraging district school boards to assess naming opportunities for naming school facilities in recognition of victims of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots; including certain instruction related to anti-Semitism in the required instruction relating to the Holocaust; designating a certain week as "Holocaust Education Week".

*Effective Date: July 1, 2020
03/12/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

SB 1326 Child Welfare

Sponsored by Senator Simpson

CS/SB 1326, also referred to as the "State of Hope Act," makes several changes to the child welfare programs administered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF or department) to promote accountability and improve program performance. Specifically, relating to local community alliances, to require community alliances to include a representative of a faith-based organization and encourage the development and availability of community-based and faith-based organizations in the community

system of care. The bill also establishes the Office of Quality within the DCF. The purpose of the Office of Quality is to ensure the DCF and contract service providers meet the highest levels of performance standards.

Effective Date: 7/1/2020

03/11/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 1398 Community Planning

Sponsored by Senator Flores

CS/SB 1398 provides requirements for establishing a quorum for meetings of regional planning councils when a voting member appears via telephone, real-time video conferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication.

The bill also requires the Department of Economic Opportunity, when selecting applicants for Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants, to give preference to certain small counties and municipalities located near a proposed multiuse corridor interchange.

The bill does not require counties and municipalities to spend funds, reduce counties' or municipalities' ability to raise revenue, or reduce the percentage of a state tax shares with counties and municipalities.

Effective Date: 7/1/2020

03/12/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 1508 Police Vehicles

Sponsored by Senator Taddeo

CS/CS/SB 1508 prohibits a person from knowingly selling, exchanging, or transferring a police vehicle without, before consummating the sale, exchange, or transfer, removing any police markings from the vehicle. The CS requires law enforcement agencies, before consummating the sale, exchange, or transfer, to provide an official letter of notification that police markings have been removed to the purchaser, customer, or transferee. The CS exempts the sales, exchanges, or transfers of police vehicles between law enforcements agencies. A person who knowingly sells, exchanges, or offers to sell or exchange a motor vehicle in violation of these provisions commits a second-degree misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to 60 days in county jail and a fine of up to \$500. The bill also defines "police markings" as decals, stickers, distinctive paint schemes, or other markings attached or applied to a police vehicle that identify the vehicle as a police vehicle.

Effective Date: 7/1/2020

03/12/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 1794 Constitutional Amendments

Sponsored by Senator Hutson

Constitutional Amendments; Increasing the signature threshold at which the Secretary of State must transmit initiative petitions to the Attorney General for review; providing that a citizen may challenge in circuit court a petition circulator's registration with the Secretary of State; authorizing the Division of Elections or a supervisor of elections to provide petition forms in a certain electronic format; requiring that ballots containing constitutional amendments proposed by initiative include certain disclosures and statements, in a specified order, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 5007 State-administered Retirement Systems

Sponsored by the Appropriations Committee

The bill revises the employer contribution rates for the FRS based on the 2019 Actuarial Valuation.

The bill conforms the law to the House proposed 2020-21 General Appropriations Act (GAA) as retirement contributions are included in the GAA.

The application of the rates recommended in the 2019 Actuarial Valuation of the FRS will have a significant fiscal impact to funds appropriated by the Legislature associated with employee salaries and benefits. Provisions of the bill relating to employer retirement contribution rates will increase amounts agencies must pay for employee retirement benefits.

The application of the rates recommended in the 2019 Actuarial Valuation of the FRS will have a significant fiscal impact on funds to be paid into the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund.

The total combined employer contributions estimated to be paid into the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 will increase by approximately \$404.6 million above the contributions paid in Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

02/21/20 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

HB 7009 Penalties for Violations of the Constitutional Prohibition Against Abuse of Public Position

Sponsored by the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

Penalties for Violations of the Constitutional Prohibition Against Abuse of Public Position: Reenacts provisions relating to penalties. The bill reenacts s. 112.317, F.S., the existing statutory section in the Code that provides penalties for ethics violations.¹⁷ The reenactment of s. 112.317, F.S., will make the penalty provisions of the section applicable to art. II, s. 8 of the Florida Constitution, as amended by Amendment 12, which provides:

A public officer or public employee shall not abuse his or her public position in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself or herself; his or her spouse, children, or employer; or for any business with which he or she contracts; in which he or she is an officer, a partner, a director, or a proprietor; or in which he or she owns an interest.

The bill reenacts s. 112.317, F.S., effective December 31, 2020, to make the penalty provisions of the section applicable to the amended provisions of art. II, s. 8 of the Florida Constitution that take effect the same day and follow the adoption of Rule 34-18.001, F.A.C., by the Commission. This meets the requirement of the Amendment 12 implementation schedule.

The bill may have a slightly positive fiscal impact in that it authorizes financial penalties for violating the new prohibition.

The bill has an effective date of December 31, 2020, as required by Amendment 12.

02/13/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 7011 K-12 Student Athletes

Sponsored by the PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

This bill is named the “Zachary Martin Act”. The bill requires all athletic coaches and sponsors of extracurricular activities involving outdoor practices or events to complete annual training in EHS identification, prevention, and response, including effective administration of cooling zones.

Beginning June 1, 2021, the bill requires an employee or volunteer with current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training to be present at each athletic activity during and outside of the school year. All employees or volunteers who are reasonably expected to use an AED must complete the training and must be notified annually of the location of each AED on school grounds, which must be available in a clearly marked and publicized location for each athletic activity.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020
03/12/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

SB 7012 Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Sponsored by the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

Mental Health and Substance Abuse; The bill requires the Statewide Office to coordinate education and training curricula in suicide prevention efforts for veterans and service members. The bill requires the Statewide Office to act as a clearinghouse for information and resources related to suicide prevention by disseminating evidence-based practices and by collecting and analyzing data on trends in suicide by various population demographics. The bill requires the Statewide Office to advise the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) on the implementation of evidence-based suicide deterrents when designing new infrastructure projects.

The bill establishes the First Responders Suicide Deterrence Task Force within and supported by the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention. The purpose of the task force is to make recommendations on how to reduce the incidence of suicide among current and retired first responders. The task force is made up of representatives of the Florida Professional Firefighters, the Florida Police Benevolent Association, the Florida Fraternal Order of Police, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Police Chiefs Association, and the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association

Effective Date: 7/1/2020
03/13/20 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 7067 K-12 Scholarship Programs

Sponsored by Education Committee

K-12 Scholarship Programs : Revising initial scholarship eligibility criteria for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program modifies provisions in the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) program, the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) scholarship program, and the Hope Scholarship Program (HSP) in order to establish a priority order for award of FES and FTC scholarships, and to ensure renewal FTC scholarship students are able to retain a state scholarship.

Specifically, the bill:

- Modifies the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program to:
- Specify that a student who receives an FTC scholarship remains eligible until high school graduation or age 21.
- requiring that priority be given to students whose household income levels do not exceed a specified amount or who are in foster care or out-of-home care
- Require each eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization (SFO) to refer any student who does not get a renewal FTC scholarship because of a lack of available funds to another SFO that may have available funds.

- Modifies the Family Empowerment Scholarship program to:
- Establish a priority order for award of an FES, which includes a student who received an FTC scholarship in the previous school year but did not receive a renewal scholarship because of a lack of available funds.
- Require the Department of Education to maintain and publish a list of nationally norm-referenced tests and to establish deadlines relating to applications, renewal notifications, and verification of student eligibility.
- Require each private school to report test scores of students receiving a FES to a specified state university.
- Change the annual growth of the FES from 0.25 percent to 1.0 percent of the state's total public school enrollment.
- Allow the maximum household income level for eligibility to increase by 25 percent in any year following a fiscal year in which more than 5 percent of available FES scholarships are not awarded.
- *Revising the increase for maximum student participation in the FES from 0.25 percent (roughly 7,000 students) to 1.0 percent (roughly 28,000 students) annually may increase the student FTE and state funding needed for the FEFP. In addition, expanding the Florida Empowerment Scholarship (FES) eligibility to include FTC students may increase FTE and state funding needed for the FEFP.*

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

03/13/20 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 7097 Taxation

Sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee

Taxation: Revises provisions related to tourist development taxes, ad valorem taxes, corporate income taxes, value adjustment boards, tangible personal property rolls, truth-in-millage processes, school capital outlay surtaxes, and provides tax-free holidays.

“Back-to-School Holiday”--A three-day sales tax holiday is authorized from August 7, 2020, through August 9, 2020. During the holiday, the following items that cost \$60 or less are exempt from the state sales tax and county discretionary sales surtaxes:

- Clothing (defined as an “article of wearing apparel intended to be worn on or about the human body,” but excluding watches, watchbands, jewelry, umbrellas, and handkerchiefs);
- Footwear (excluding skis, swim fins, roller blades, and skates);
- Wallets; and
- Bags (including handbags, backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags, but excluding briefcases, suitcases, and other garment bags).
- The bill also exempts various “school supplies” that cost \$15 or less per item during the holiday.
- Additionally, exempted is the first \$1,000 of the sales price of personal computers and related accessories purchased for noncommercial home or personal use. This includes tablets, laptops, monitors, input devices, and non-recreational software. Cell phones and furniture, and devices or software intended primarily for recreational use, are not exempted.
- Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday--The bill provides for a seven-day sales tax holiday from May 29, 2020, through June 4, 2020, for specified items related to disaster preparedness. During the holiday, the following items are exempt from the state sales tax and county discretionary sales surtaxes:
 - A portable self-powered light source selling for \$20 or less;
 - A portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or weather band radio selling for \$50 or less;
 - A tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting selling for \$50 or less;
 - A ground anchor system or tie-down kit selling for \$50 or less;

- A gas or diesel fuel tank selling for \$25 or less;
- A package of AAA-cell, AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, or 9-volt batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries, selling for \$30 or less;
- A nonelectric food storage cooler selling for \$30 or less;
- A portable generator that is used to provide light or communications or preserve food in the event of a power outage selling for \$750 or less; and
- Reusable ice selling for \$10 or less.
- School Capital Outlay Surtax:
- Subsection 212.055(6), F.S., authorizes school districts to levy discretionary sales surtaxes for school capital outlay. Each county school board may levy a discretionary sales surtax at a rate not to exceed 0.5 percent, pursuant to a resolution conditioned to take effect only upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a referendum. The bill establishes an additional requirement for the resolution that voters must approve in order to levy a school capital outlay surtax. Specifically, such resolution must include a statement that the revenues collected shall be shared with charter schools based on their proportionate share of the total school district enrollment.
- The bill also requires that charter schools expend the surtax funds in a manner consistent with existing allowable uses for charter school capital outlay funding, as set forth in s. 1013.62(4), which are for the:
 - Purchase of real property.
 - Construction of school facilities.
 - Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of permanent or relocatable school facilities.
 - Purchase of vehicles to transport students to and from the charter school.
 - Renovation, repair, and maintenance of school facilities that the charter school owns or is purchasing through a lease-purchase or long-term lease of 5 years or longer.
 - Payment of the cost of premiums for property and casualty insurance necessary to insure the school facilities.
 - Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of driver's education vehicles; motor vehicles used for the maintenance or operation of plant and equipment; security vehicles; or vehicles used in storing or distributing materials and equipment.
 - Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of computer and device hardware and operating system software necessary for gaining access to or enhancing the use of electronic and digital instructional content and resources; and enterprise resource software applications that are classified as capital assets in accordance with definitions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, have a useful life of at least 5 years, and are used to support schoolwide administration or state-mandated reporting requirements. Enterprise resource software may be acquired by annual license fees, maintenance fees, or lease agreement.
 - Payment of the cost of the opening day collection for the library media center of a new school.
- Further, all revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a charter school's monthly or quarterly financial statement pursuant to s. 1002.33(9), F.S. These changes only apply to levies authorized by vote of the electors on or after July 1, 2020.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

03/17/20 HOUSE Enrolled version filed

2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY

EDUCATION LEGISLATION

THAT DID NOT PASS

HJR 157: Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board

Summary: Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the terms of office for a member of a district school board.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Rules

SJR 1216: Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board

Summary: Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the terms of office for a member of a district school board, etc.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died on Calendar

HJR 301: Repeal of Constitution Revision Commission

Summary: Repeal of Constitution Revision Commission; Repeals references to Constitution Revision Commission, powers of chair, & assistance by state & local agencies.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Judiciary

SJR 142: Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission

Summary: Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, etc.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died on Calendar

HB 581: Civic Education

Summary: Civic Education; 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.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 House - Died on Calendar

SB 918: Civic Education

Summary: Civic Education; Requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop minimum criteria for a nonpartisan civic literacy practicum for high school students, beginning with a specified school year; authorizing students to apply the hours they devote to practicum activities to certain community service requirements; requiring the State Board of Education to designate certain high schools as Freedom Schools, based on criteria the board establishes relating to students' civic learning and civic engagement, etc.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 House - Died in Messages

SB 946/ HB 737: Moments of Silence in Public Schools

Summary: Moments of Silence in Public Schools; Requires moment at beginning of each school day & provides requirements for such moment of silence.

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Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died on Calendar

SB 534: Education

Summary: Requiring the Department of Education to maintain a disqualification list that includes the identities of certain persons; requiring district school boards to investigate certain complaints and report certain results of such investigations to the department; prohibiting an individual who is on the disqualification list from being employed by a charter school or serving as a member of a charter school governing board; requiring certain private schools to adopt policies establishing standards of ethical conduct for certain employees, etc.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Appropriations

HB 883: Education

Summary: Requiring DOE to maintain a disqualification list of individuals; revises provisions relating to employment & termination of public school & private school employees; revises duties of DOE, Commissioner of Education, & school districts relating to employee conduct & employment & termination of public school & private school employees.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 House - Died on Calendar

SB 534: Education

Summary: Requiring the Department of Education to maintain a disqualification list that includes the identities of certain persons; requiring district school boards to investigate certain complaints and report certain results of such investigations to the department; prohibiting an individual who is on the disqualification list from being employed by a charter school or serving as a member of a charter school governing board; requiring certain private schools to adopt policies establishing standards of ethical conduct for certain employees, etc.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Appropriations

HB 1029: Charter Schools

Summary: Revises provisions relating to charter schools, high-performing charter schools, educational facilities, virtual instruction programs, career & professional academies, & exceptional student education centers.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 House - Died on Calendar

HB 953: Charter Schools

Summary: Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools; revises reporting & accountability requirements & populations for which charter school is authorized to limit enrollment process; provides for funding; authorizes career & professional academy to be offered by charter school.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 House - Died on Calendar

SB 1688: Early Learning and Early Grade Success

Summary: 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.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Appropriations

HB 1013: Early Learning and Early Grade Success

Summary: Deletes Office of Early Learning; creates Division of Early Learning within DOE; revises provisions relating to early learning coalitions; VPK & school readiness programs; & DOE responsibilities & duties relating to early learning.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Education

SB 1634: Parental Right

Summary: Designating the “Parents’ Bill of Rights”; providing that the state, its political subdivisions, other governmental entities, or other institutions may not infringe on parental rights without demonstrating specified information; providing that a parent of a minor child has specified rights relating to his or her minor child; requiring each district school board in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, to develop and adopt a policy to promote parental involvement in the public school system; prohibiting certain health care practitioners from taking specified actions without a parent’s written permission.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Rules

HB 1059: Parental Rights

Summary: Provides parental rights relating to a minor child's education, upbringing, & health care; provides school district, health care practitioner, hospital requirements & specified penalties.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Judiciary

SB 1644: Students With Disabilities in Public Schools

Summary: Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of seclusion on students with disabilities in public schools; prohibiting specified restraint techniques; requiring a video camera to be placed in specified classrooms upon the request of a parent; requiring schools to provide written notice to certain individuals of the placement of a video camera; requiring continuing education and inservice training for instructional personnel teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Appropriations

HB 1231: Students with Disabilities in Public Schools

Summary: 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.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Education

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SB 1644: Students with Disabilities in Public Schools

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Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Appropriations

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HB 1203: Pathways to Career Opportunities

Summary: Revises provisions relating to apprenticeship & pre-apprenticeship programs, statewide articulation agreement, FEFP, CAPE Industry Certification Funding List; requires Articulation Coordinating Committee to approve mathematics pathways by a specified date; requires Commissioner of Education to submit to certain entities report with recommendations relating to implementation of Pathways in Technology Early College High School program; provides requirements for such program & report.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 House - Died on Calendar

SB 1568: Education

Summary: 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.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Appropriations

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SB 7040/CS/HB 7065: School Safety

Summary: Revises provisions relating to mental health assistance allocation, FortifyFL, & school safety provisions relating to Commissioner of Education, OIG, Office of Safe Schools, charter schools, school districts, threat assessment teams, safe-school officers, Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool, & DOE; provides requirements for family reunification plans & civil citation or similar prearrest diversion programs.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 House - Died in returning Messages

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SB 1498: Education

Summary: Authorizing the Department of Education to hold patents, copyrights, trademarks, and service marks; providing that a student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within this state is considered a resident of that school district for enrollment purposes and must be given preferential treatment; requiring postsecondary students to complete a civic literacy course and pass a specified assessment to demonstrate competency in civic literacy; revising the requirements for turnaround options for specified schools.

Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

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HB 7079: Education

Summary: Revises provisions relating to DOE powers & duties, Florida Partnership for Minority and Underrepresented Student Achievement, statewide assessment program, turnaround options & plans, school grading system, & turnaround school supplemental services allocation.

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Last Action: 3/14/2020 Senate - Died in Education

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