

FSBA 2019 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM IDEAS TO STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PLATFORM PROPOSALS

Ideas for Keeping Students and Communities Safe:

- Should school district capital outlay millage authority be increased and allowable uses expanded to cover costs associated with student safety and hardening for emergency shelters?
- Should the Safe Schools Allocation be increased to fully fund the costs associated with the establishment or assignment of at least one school resource officer or school safety officer at each school and/or to cover other requirements in Sections 1006.07-1006.1493, F.S.?
- Should there be a SB 7026 "glitch" bill to correct, revise, and/or clarify the provisions of the bill?
- Should the Mental Health Assistance Allocation be increased to provide for additional school counselors and related mental health services and experts?
- Should Safe Schools Mental Health Assistance Allocations be altered in any other ways to better meet district needs?
- Should there be adjustments to school district authority to directly file for reimbursement of costs associated with emergency sheltering, preparedness, and response?

Ideas for Measuring Student Performance:

- Should school districts be authorized to use additional examples of student performance and progress in lieu of statewide assessment results?
- Should there be adjustments in the state assessment system to better align with ESSA?
- Are there any other changes to measuring student performance that should be suggested?

Ideas for Hiring Qualified & Experienced Educators:

- Should there be additional flexibility in authority to re-employ school-based administrators, teachers, substitute teachers, and other instructional support personnel? What would that be?
- Should additional base funding be provided to address the costs associated with employment of personnel required by law such as an internal auditor, a school safety specialist, and school counselors?
- Are there any other changes to statute that could be made to assist districts with hiring qualified and experienced educators?

Ideas for Supporting Public School Choice:

- Should there be more district flexibility to allow for addendums to the standard charter school contract?
- Should school districts qualify for exemptions from state laws and rules to the same extent allowed for charter schools?
- Are there any specific regulations that should be added or removed to assist school districts in providing more choice options?
- Should there be a "glitch" bill to address specific concerns about new and/or expanded public and private school choice options set forth in HB 7055?

Ideas for Leveraging the Use of Federal Funds:

- Should the state cap on district withholding of Title I funds be removed or otherwise altered?
- Are there any federal funding requirements that are overly bureaucratic that could be changed?

Additional Ideas for Local Authority, Funding, Curriculum:

- Should there be a "glitch" bill to address specific concerns arising from HB 1279?
- Should there be any changes to current provisions relating to sovereign immunity?
- Are there specific laws or rules that should be repealed because they are obsolete or overly regulatory?
- Should there be automatic annual increases in the Base Student Allocation (BSA)?
- Should there be automatic annual increases in some or all categorical programs?
- Should the Required Local Effort millage rate be maintained or rolled back?
- Are there funding gaps and/or concerns in addressing capital outlay projects?
- What funding and resources are needed to enhance summer school options?
- Are there more ways that districts could enhance civic literacy?
- What additional elements are needed to support and expand workforce and career education options?