



LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

January 31, 2022

It was another busy week in the Florida Legislature as we are seeing more bills moving through the process as they are being put on the agenda to be heard in committees.

[HERE](#) you will find the legislative bill tracker supplied to us by our team at GrayRobinson. All of the bills we are tracking are listed on the report in numerical order. A few of the bills to highlight:

- SB 1048 Student Assessments by Sen. Diaz was heard in the Senate Education Appropriations Committee this week. While questions were asked and concerns brought up around the total time spent on testing and districts ability to have the needed technology for the proposed progress monitoring, the bill passed out of committee unanimously. The companion bill, HB 1193 by Rep. Plasencia has yet to be heard in committee.
- HB 1421 School Safety by Rep. Hawkins was heard in its first committee of reference. This would implement the most recent recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Safety Commission including requiring certain law enforcement to be physically present for school safety drills as well as requiring the Commissioner of Education to oversee and ensure compliance with requirements relating to school safety and security. It passed out of committee 12-3. The companion bill, SB 802 by Sen. Gruters was scheduled to be heard in Senate Education Appropriations but was temporarily postponed.
- SB 706 School Concurrency by Sen. Perry was heard in its first committee this week. As filed, the bill would have changed school concurrency to district wide, however, during committee, an amendment was adopted which removes the district wide language out of the bill. This will allow our districts to continue to consider concurrency as they currently do. The bill, with the adopted amendment, now moves to the Senate Education Committee.
- SB 1300 District School Boards by Sen. Gruters was amended in the Senate Education Committee to contain language around the adoption of instructional materials for school libraries, media centers, and classroom libraries as well as adjust school board member salaries to be the same as legislator salaries. This bill passed out of committee 6-3 along party lines. However Sen. Hutson did express concerns around changing school board member salaries. HB 1467 by Rep. Garrison which is similar will be heard in the House Appropriations Committee this week.

We will continue to keep you up to date throughout Legislative Session. We look forward to seeing those of you who are joining us this week for FSBA Day in the Legislature. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.



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