



2022 SESSION SUMMARY COMPILATION



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SESSION STATS 2022

GOVERNOR
RON DESANTIS (R)

3735

Total bills filed

Senate

Wilton Simpson, President (R)
24 Republicans
15 Democrats

285

Bills passed both
chambers

House

Chris Sprowls, Speaker (R)
78 Republicans
42 Democrats

\$112.1 B

Total Budget*

*Prior to line item veto



MEASURING SUCCESS: ADVOCACY GOALS FOR 2022

Significant financial gains can be seen in FSBA's five legislative platform priority areas: mental health, accountability and assessments, funding, workforce education, and teacher retention.

- ✓ **1. Mental Health:** FSBA supports legislative efforts to increase funding to the mental health allocation to address the shortage of mental health staff and services provided in school districts. **+ \$20 million has been allocated.**
- ✓ **2. Accountability and Assessments:** FSBA had significant conversations with key legislators and DOE staff to shape how progress monitoring will be implemented. Through these conversations, our advocacy team **impacted amendments to improve the final legislation.**
- ✓ **3. Funding:** FSBA supports legislative efforts to increase the BSA by at least 3%. The BSA was **increased by 4.9%. This results in a \$214.49 per student increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).**
- ✓ **4. Workforce education:** Technical colleges will receive an additional **\$18 million** for workforce education programs.
- ✓ **5. Recruit and retain qualified and talented staff:** **+\$250 million allocated** for the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation. A minimum **\$15/hr wage** for all school staff.

HB 1 Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Service Workforce

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Resolution proposed amendment to FL Constitution to authorize for all levies other than school district levies, an additional homestead exemption for classroom teachers as well as other critical public service workers.
- On the November 2022 general election ballot for approval.
- If passed, effective January 1, 2023.
- Signed by Officers and filed with the Secretary of State.

HB 7 Individual Freedom

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Prohibits instruction on topics around people being inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, one race being superior to another race, discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, disability or sex.
- Also prohibits instruction that individuals bear responsibility for actions committed by others of the same race or sex.
- Prohibits a person to be instructed that he/she feel guilt or anguish for actions committed in the past by others of the same race or sex.
- Any employers who require instruction or sworn belief in the barred topics above, it is defined as an unfair labor practice that would be subject to lawsuit.
- The above banned topics also cannot be a condition of employment, membership, certification, licensing, credentialing, or passing an exam, to training, instruction or any other required activity.
- Teaching of some topics that are covered by the Florida Standards for History are specifically noted and can be taught so long as the banned concepts are not included.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 173 Care of Students with Epilepsy

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Requires schools to provide epilepsy or seizure disorder care to a student based upon the student's Individualized Seizure Action Plan (ISAP).
- Parent initiates by submitting an ISAP that has been developed and signed by the parent and a medical professional.
- ISAP remains in effect until a revised ISAP is submitted.
- Schools that receive an ISAP must verify each school employee who comes in regular contact with the student has completed training on the care of students with epilepsy and seizure disorders.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 225 Charter School Charters

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Requires request for modification of multiple charters to be approved or denied within 60 days of the request.
- Requires sponsor to notify governing board to denial within 10 days and provide specific reasons for denial.
- Requires notification to the governing board in writing and at least 90 days before the end of the school year prior to any proposed Board vote on renewal, termination or non-renewal.
- Requires automatic renewal of charter if no notification at least 90 days before end of school year.
- Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 235 Restraint of Students with Disabilities

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Limited the use of mechanical restraint by school personnel.
- Mechanical restraint can still be used by certain school personnel in their exercise of powers and duties to restrain students in grades 6-12.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

SB 236 Children with Developmental Delays

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Modifies the definition of developmental delay.
- Extends the upper age limit for the identifying a developmental delay to age 9 or completion of grade 2 which aligns to federal law.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 255 Private Instructional Personnel Providing Applied Behavior Analysis Services

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Expands definition of “private instructional personnel” to include a registered behavior technician who holds a nationally recognized paraprofessional certification in behavior analysis.
- Allows registered behavior technician to provide ABA services in a public school under the supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.
- Requires the technician to be employed by an enrolled Medicaid provider.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 395 **Victims of Communism Day**

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Recognized November 7 each year.
- Requires public school to recognize the day each year.
- Requires 45 minutes of instruction in high school on Victims of Communism beginning in 2023-2024 school year.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 461 **Bright Futures Service Requirements**

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Changes the volunteer service requirement that the number of hours can be met through volunteer hours or paid work hours.
- Effective July 1, 2022.

SB 706 **School Concurrency**

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Deemed satisfied when the developer tenders a written legally binding commitment.
- School board must notify the local government that capacity is available within 30 days of receipt of the developer's commitment.
- Provides that mitigation paid by a developer may be set aside and not spent until an appropriate improvement is identified.
- Effective July 1, 2022.

SB 758 **Education**

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Includes authorization for a member of the legislature to visit any public school in their district without notice.
- Creates commission with FDOE to review and approve applications for charter schools.
- Commission is assigned powers of reviewing and approving charter school applications.
- Requires school district in which the charter applicant will be located to sponsor and supervise the school and provide an initial contract within 30 days of the application being granted by the commission.
- Requires applicant to provide a copy of the application to the school district within 3 days of applying to the commission.

- Allows school district 30 days to provide input on the application. Input provided is required to be considered by the commission.
- Clarifies school districts are prohibited from requiring additional reporting from charter schools.
- Allows interlocal agreements entered by school districts for development of traditional schools to be used by charter schools.
- Automatically grants 15-year charter to schools whose **most recent grade** was an “A” or “B” if not in state of financial emergency.
- Modifies qualification for termination and nonrenewal.
- Removes “other good cause shown” from criteria for nonrenewal or termination.
- Requires school districts to distribute teacher salary allocation to charter schools regardless of whether district submitted a plan & received funding.
- Effective July 1, 2022

HB 777 Local Tax Referenda Requirements

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Requires referenda authorizing a school district millage tax to be held at a general election.
- Effective October 1, 2022.

HB 817 Emergency Medical Care for Minors

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Authorizes physicians to provide emergency medical care or treatment to a minor without parental consent.
- Allows physicians to provide such care in non-hospital settings, similar to EMTs and paramedics, or in hospital settings.
- Effective July 1, 2022

SB 896 Educator Certification Pathways for Veterans

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Provides a temporary educator certificate be provided to active-duty military with service of at least 48 months with honorable discharge or medical separation and at least 60 college credits toward a bachelor’s degree or higher with at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Removes the requirement to qualify for the waiver of initial general knowledge, professional education, and subject area examination fees and certification fees for an honorably discharged veteran.
- Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 899 Mental Health of Students

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Requires all superintendents to designate a school safety specialist.
- Requires each district to designate a mental health coordinator to serve as the primary point of contact for coordination, communication, and implementation of student mental health policies.
- Requires DOE to share the school district reported involuntary examination data with DCF.
- Requires charter schools to comply with the involuntary examination data reporting requirements established in 2021.
- Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 921 Campaign Finance

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Provides that a local government may not spend, or authorize the expenditure of, public funds for a political advertisement or any other communication sent to electors concerning an issue or referendum.
- This does not preclude a local government from:
 - Reporting on official actions of the governing body in an accurate, fair, and impartial manner.
 - Posting factual information on a government website or in printed materials.
 - Hosting and providing information at a public forum.
 - Providing factual information in response to an inquiry.
 - Providing information otherwise authorized or required by law.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

SB 1048 Student Assessments

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Beginning 2022-2023 school year, comprehensive progress monitoring assessment (CPMA) is the statewide assessment for ELA in grades 3-10 and for Math in grades 3-8.
- A progress monitoring assessment will be administered at the beginning and middle of the school year.
- A comprehensive progress monitoring assessment will be used in spring and will replace FSA.
- PM results to teachers within 1 week and parents within 2 weeks in an easy-to-understand report available on a web-based portal.
- Deletes requirement to offer a paper-based format.
- Requires end-of-year assessment results be available no later than May 31.
- Requires Commissioner – by January of each year- to publish the specific dates of the administrations of the CPMA for the next 2 years.

- Requires Commissioner by January 31, 2025, to determine need for CPMA at the end of each school year.
- Requires school districts to secure parental consent if district-required local assessments exceed the five-percent test administration limits.
- Requires school districts to provide student's results on assessments within one week of administration.
- 2022-2023 school/district grades will serve as a baseline.
- Prohibits schools from being required to enter turnaround in 2022-2023 but may exit turnaround that year.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

SB 1054 Financial Literacy Instruction in Public Schools

[Bill Text](#)

[Staff Analysis](#)

- Also referred to as the Dorothy L. Hukill Literacy Act.
- Beginning with students who enter 9th grade in the 2023-2024 school year must earn one-half credit in personal financial literacy and money management to receive a high school diploma.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 1427 School Safety

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Requires district school boards and charter school governing boards to adopt a plan guiding family reunification when K-12 public schools are closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to natural or man-made disasters.
- Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rule setting requirements for emergency drills including timing, frequency, participation, training, notification, and accommodations.
- Requires law enforcement responsible for responding to schools in the event of an assailant emergency to be physically present at and participate in active assailant drills.
- Requires school safety and environmental incident reporting data be published annually in a uniform, statewide format that is easy to read and understand.
- Requires all safe-school officers, not just school resource officers, to complete mental health crisis intervention training.
- Requires school district and local mobile response teams use the same suicide screening tool approved by the Department of Education.
- Reinforces the oversight and sanctioning authority of the Commissioner of Education to oversee school safety and security compliance in the state.
- Extends the commission until July 1, 2026.
- Effective July 1, 2022

[Bill Text](#)[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Initiates 12 years of consecutive term limits for school board members beginning November 8, 2022.
- Meetings of committees held to rank, eliminate, or select instructional materials must be noticed and open to the public and must include parents of district students on such committees.
- Beginning July 1, 2023, school librarians, media specialists and other personnel involved in selecting school district media materials must complete training developed by FDOE.
- Requires that any book available in the library media center or recommended/assigned as part of a reading list must be selected by a certified media specialist.
- Requires school board to adopt procedures for developing library media center collections and post the procedures on the website for each school in the district.
- Requires each elementary school to publish a list of all library media materials or required reading on the school website in a searchable format.
- Requires school board to publish a list of all instructional materials on its website in a searchable format.
- Beginning June 30, 2023, each district school board must annually submit a list to the Commissioner of all materials that received an objection, removed materials, and which grade level and course.
- DOE will publish and update a list of all removed materials due to objection and distribute to districts for consideration.
- By July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter each superintendent must certify to DOE all librarians and media specialists have completed the online training.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 1557 Parental Rights in Education[Bill Text](#)[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Requires school boards to adopt procedures for notifying a student's parents if there is a change in services related to mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being.
- School districts may not adopt procedures or student support forms that prohibit district personnel from notifying a parent about their student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being.
- School district personnel may not discourage or prohibit parental notification or involvement in decisions affecting any of the above.
- Prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in K-3 or in a manner not age-appropriate for other students.
- At the beginning of the school year, each school district must notify parents of each healthcare service offered at their student's school and the option to withhold consent or decline any specific service.
- District must provide to the parent in grades K-3 the questionnaire or health screening form and obtain permission prior to administration.
- If a concern is not resolved a parent may request the appointment of a special magistrate and bring an action against the school district to obtain a declaratory judgement.

- District needs to adopt policies to notify parents of these procedures.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022.

SB 2524 Education

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Establishes a New Worlds literacy micro-credential that enables teachers in prekindergarten through grade 12 to provide evidence-based reading interventions
- Providing financial incentives for teachers who earn the micro-credential and provide intensive interventions. Aligns reading scholarships to program (K-5)
- Requires students enrolled in a juvenile justice education program to be funded like a traditional student in the FEFP
- Authorizes school districts to contract with additional entities when developing and implementing an external operator turnaround option plan
- Requires the State Board of Education to annually review the school grading scale and adjust when certain thresholds are met
- Specifies teacher evaluation procedures are not a mandatory subject of collective bargaining
- Prohibits personnel not on performance salary schedule from receiving raises higher than those that are.
- Requires educational entities to use the Agency for Health Care Administration Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse to conduct background screenings
- Establishes a criminal penalty for individuals who knowingly fail to report sexual misconduct by a school authority figure.
- Limits Virtual FTE residing outside district to 50% of total virtual FTE of students residing inside. Aligns all virtual funding
- Requires districts to post COE process on website, maintain waitlist, and maintain capacity by grade level and update every 12 weeks Applies to virtual
- Provides flexibility with Reading Allocation by removing lowest 300 additional hour requirement and letting use for incentives for reading teachers and tutoring
- Expands ability to use vehicles other than buses for student transportation and creates driving choice grant program
- Increases upper limit for sparsity to 30,000 students
- Increases UA FES to 26,500. Moves growth rate effective date to 2023-24 and modifies FES transportation scholarship \$750 or district's cost per student
- Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 5003 Implementing Bill

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- States the school recognition program is to award school districts and charter schools for putting parents first and complying with the provisions of emergency rules promulgated by the Department of Health related to face covering mandates during the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 school years. *All public schools, including charter schools, that received*

receive a school grade pursuant to s. 1008.34 and were not found in violation of emergency rules promulgated by the Department of Health related to face covering mandates during the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 school year are eligible

- Extends for 1 year the authorization to provide a funding compression and hold harmless allocation in the FEFP
- Provides that for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, charter school capital outlay funding shall consist of state funds appropriated in the GAA and not revenue resulting from discretionary millage.
- Revising conditional approval for virtual instruction programs to remain valid for 2 years, rather than 1 school year.
- Effective July 1, 2022

HB 5007 State Administered Retirement System

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Increases the allocations to investment plan accounts by 3 percent for each membership class in the investment plan
- Revises the employer contribution rates for the FRS based on the actuarial valuation and actuarial studies.
- Declares that the act fulfils an important state interest as a proper and legitimate state purpose is served by the bill including providing benefits that are managed, administered, and funded in an actuarially sound manner.
- Modifies DROP to allow a member of the Special Risk Class who is a law enforcement officer and who is a DROP participant on or after July 1, 2022, to participate for up to 36 calendar months beyond the 60-month period if he or she enters DROP on or before June 30, 2028.
- Includes a \$156.3M statewide increase in the employer FRS contribution for school districts
- Effective July 1, 2022.

HB 7049 Legal Notices

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Changes requirements on publishing of legal notices to no longer need to be in a newspaper.
- Provides option of publishing on a publicly accessible website and governmental access channels when no newspaper is published in the county.
- Needs once annually a published notice in a newspaper as to where the legal noticed will be posted.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective January 1, 2023.

HB 7057 Cybersecurity – Public Records Exemption

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Accompanies HB 7055 which creates the funding
- Provides a general public record exemption for coverage limits, deductible or self-insurance amounts of insurance or other risk mitigation coverages acquired for the protection of IT systems
- Also includes information and data related to cybersecurity
- Creates a public meeting exemption for any portion of a meeting that would reveal confidential and exempt information
- Effective July 1, 2022

HB 7071 Taxation

[Bill Text](#)

[Final Bill Analysis](#)

- Two week “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday – July 25 – August 7
- Three-month sales-tax exemption for children’s books – May 14 – August 14
- Capital Outlay Surtax changes to allow purchase, lease, lease-purchase or maintenance of school buses intended for use for 5 years or more if the referendum language reflects these intentions.
- Additional \$25 per student transfer allowed from 1.5 mill to limited operational costs up to \$175 per student for same list of vehicles and increased insurance costs as are currently allowed up to \$150.
- Signed by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2022