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Budget Update

The House and Senate Pre-K – 12 education appropriations committees met this week and have resolved all but a few issues that separated the House and Senate Budget Proposals. In light of continuing reductions in economic forecasts, the House has had to accept most of the Senate's more stringent allocation amounts. It appears that the compromise will **reduce** FEFP and categorical funding by \$362 million – nearly 2% – from the current year levels. The compromise provides a base student allocation of about \$3,959 (a reduction of \$121 below current year) and total funds per student of \$6,986 (\$142 below current year). In addition, the compromise shifts 0.25 mills from the 2 mill capital outlay levy to the Required Local Effort millage levy and reduces the discretionary millage levy from 0.510 to 0.498 mills. One of the most remarkable aspects of this budget compromise is that total state funding for the FEFP and Categoricals is less than total local funding – state funding declines by 7.44% from last year while local funding increases by 3.98%. The only items that has been “bumped” up to the House and Senate Appropriations chairs – Representative Sansom and Senator Carlton – is the DCD Transition Supplement (\$22.7 million in the House budget, \$0.00 in the Senate budget) and a decision on the School Recognition award amounts (the House proposed awards of \$90 / FTE while the Senate proposed \$80). We will not be able to give you a more detailed picture of the education budget until these issues are settled. In order for the Legislature to vote on the budget and adjourn as scheduled, the budget must be published no later than Tuesday evening to allow for the 72-hour “cooling off” period. As soon as the documents are available, we will analyze the education portions of the budget and update you on the final details as quickly as possible. Please keep in mind that, even after the budget is published, there will still be a variety of budget policy issues that may not be resolved until the end of the session. In particular, FSBA is working to safeguard district flexibility to use 2 mill dollars to pay for property casualty insurance, and to maximize district flexibility in class size reduction compliance. These issues may be addressed in the Appropriations Implementing Bill or may be the subject of separate legislation. We will keep you informed on these and other funding issues through our Daily Update.

Taxation and Budget Reform Commission Update

The TBRC held what is expected to be their last full meeting on Thursday and Friday. The Commission gave final approval to place seven proposed constitutional amendments on the November 4, 2008 ballot. If approved by voters, three of these proposed amendments would have profoundly negative impacts on public education. FSBA is extremely disappointed by the TBRC's decision to support these initiatives and we will be formulating recommendations for FSBA's response and action plan. Below is a list and brief summary of these three proposals (*Click [HERE](#) to access the FSBA website for additional information on these proposals*).

Replacement of Required Local Effort (CP 2): Replaces state-required school property taxes with a variety of additional state revenue, including a one-cent sales tax increase; reduces the maximum ad valorem millage for school purposes to five mills from ten mills; establishes a 5 percent cap on annual assessment increases on property that does not qualify for a homestead

exemption.

Vouchers / 65 Percent (Combines CP 40 and CP 26): Protects any program that uses state money to pay for vouchers for students to attend private schools and requires school districts to spend 65 percent of their budget for classroom expenditures.

Religion (CP 20): Repeals the constitutional ban on direct or indirect state financial aid to churches and religious organizations and replace it with new protections for those organizations.

Bill Status Report

Listed below are the education related bills that appear to be progressing through the process as of today. We have included only a brief summary of each bill because the details of these bills are subject to change, particularly in the last days and hours of the legislative session. This list is intended only as a quick update and status report on legislation that is moving and expected to be considered during the last week of the session. As always, shortly after the end of the session, we will be publishing our Session Summary with a detailed analysis of all legislation that is passed. In the meantime, please contact the FSBA office if you require additional details of any bill.

HB 65 – Supplemental Education Services by Gonzalez (SB 1414 by Diaz de la Portilla)

Requires the Department of Education to annually evaluate and grade supplemental educational services providers; specifies evaluation criteria; provides reporting requirements.

Status: On 3rd Reading (SB 1414 passed the Senate and received in Messages in the House)

HB 91 – Disability History & Awareness by Richardson (See SB 856)

HB 185 – Multiple Birth Siblings/Placement by Heller (See SB 642)

HB 207 – Certification Requirements / Foreign Language by Sachs (SB 1062 by Dockery)

Revises provisions relating to means for demonstrating mastery of subject area knowledge; specifies world languages for which subject area examinations may be required by State Board of Education rule; authorizes degree completion and attainment of foreign language proficiency on specified national tests; revises requirements relating to issuance of temporary certificates.

Status: Passed 2nd Reading (SB 1414 favorable in Ed. PreK-12 Appropriations as a CS)

HB 213 – Single Gender Schools/Classes by Legg (See SB 242)

SB 242 – Single Gender Schools/Classes by Wise (HB 213 by Legg)

Provides that students may be separated by gender for specified single-gender programs; provides that options for public school choice may include single-gender programs; authorizes district school boards to establish a nonvocational class, extracurricular activity, or school in which enrollment is limited to students of a single gender; requires evaluation of single-gender programs every 2 years.

Status: Passed the Legislature; became law without signature of the Governor

HB 251 – School Access / ROTC Programs by Jordan (SB 574 by Baker)

Prohibits school district from banning Junior ROTC unit in certain schools; requires school district to allow student to enroll in Junior ROTC at another school under certain circumstances; requires school district, community college, or state university to grant military recruiters certain access to students, school facilities and grounds, and student information.

Status: Passed the Legislature; Enrolled

SB 286 – Certification / ESOL by Wise (HB 491 by Carroll)

Requires that primary English instructors have 300 inservice hours or the equivalent, that instructors in basic subject areas have 60 inservice hours or the equivalent.

Status: Passed Senate (*House substituted SB 286 for HB 491; passed 2nd Reading*)

HB 297 – Gifted and Academically Talented Student Education by Legg (*SB 990 by Wise*)

Requires district school boards to provide parental notice of requirements and procedures for requesting evaluations for gifted student classification; requires reporting of gifted student classification, services, and performance data; requires DOE to develop and district school boards to implement procedures and eligibility criteria for whole-grade and subject matter acceleration; requires reporting of student acceleration data; requires state-approved teacher preparation programs to incorporate specified gifted student instruction; requires certain school district guaranteed allocation expenditures to be reported separately; creates Gifted and Academically Talented Student Task Force to report to Governor and Legislature.

Status: Passed the House; in Messages to the Senate (*SB 990 has not been heard*)

SB 302 – Public School Dress Requirements by Siplin (*HB 335 by Bullard*)

Prohibits students from wearing and exposing below-waist underwear in a specified manner while on the grounds of a public school.

Status: Passed the Senate; received in Messages in the House (*HB 335 favorable in K-12*)

SB 318 – Exceptional Students with Disabilities by Constantine (*HB 359 by Randolph*)

Requires the Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and residential facilities licensed by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to notify a school district under certain circumstances; requires the review of a student's individual educational plan; requires the DOE, in consultation with specified agencies, to develop procedures for the placement of students in residential care facilities,

Status: Placed on Special Order Calendar (*HB 359 on 2nd Reading*)

SB 322 – Officers and Employee Conduct by Constantine (*See HB 1113*)

HB 335 – Public School Dress Requirements by Bullard (*See SB 302*)

HB 359 – Exceptional Students with Disabilities by Randolph (*See SB 318*)

SB 428 – Workforce Innovation by Bennett (*HB 959 by Chestnut*)

Authorizes the designation of a regional workforce board as a one-stop operator and direct provider of certain services by agreement of the chief elected official and the Governor; requires that Workforce Florida, Inc. establish procedures for a regional workforce board to request permission to operate and the criteria for granting such permission.

Status: Passed the Senate, in Messages to the House (*HB 959 on 2nd Reading*)

HB 445 - Intergovernmental Cooperation by Proctor (*See SB 1070*)

SB 474 – Growth Management by Garcia (*HB 7129 by Economic Expansion Council*)

Extends the date for local governments to adopt a public school facilities element; requires inclusion of relocatables in calculation of capacity and student station cost; requires acceptance of charter school facilities to satisfy capacity needs in certain circumstances; requires inventory of land for affordable housing purposes (*Summary reflects education issues ONLY*).

Status: Placed on Special Order Calendar (*SB 7129 passed 2nd Reading as amended*)

HB 489 – Employee Leave / Sexual violence by Jenne (*SB 2574 by Fasano*)

Defines "sexual violence"; provides specified employee leave benefits to employees who are victims of sexual violence or who have family or household member who is sexual violence victim.

Status: Passed the House; in Messages to the Senate (*SB 2574 On Special Order Calendar*)

HB 491 – Certification / ESOL by Carroll (See SB 286)

SB 526 – Interscholastic Extra Curricular Activities by Wise (HB 1481 by Bean)

Provides that charter and private school students may participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public school under certain conditions; provides for a public school student to participate in interscholastic sports at another public school under certain conditions.

Status: Passed the Senate; in Messages to the House (HB 1481 on 2nd Reading)

SB 574 – School Access / ROTC Programs by Baker (See HB 251)

SB 610 – Physical Education/Grades 6-8 by Constantine (HB 1163 by Dorworth)

Requires physical education for students in grade 6 through grade 8; provides for waivers under certain circumstances; requires school districts to notify parents of the waiver options.

Status: Passed the Senate; in Messages to the House (HB 1163 on 2nd Reading)

HB 623 – School Food Service Programs by Kendrick (SB 1458 by Wise)

Requires school breakfast programs in all schools by 2010; specifies requirements for setting meal prices; requires school boards to consider policies for provision of universal-free school breakfast in certain schools; directs OPPAGA to submit report on school district food service programs.

Status: Passed House; received in Messages in the Senate (SB 1458 on Special Order)

SB 642 – Multiple Birth Siblings/Placement by Siplin (HB 185 by Heller)

Defines "multiple birth siblings"; gives parents the right to request the same or separate classrooms for said siblings; specifies that the provisions do not apply to the rights of exceptional or disabled students or the removal of students pursuant to discipline policies.

Status: Passed Senate; in Messages to the House (HB 185 on 2nd Reading)

HB 653 – Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarships by Traviesa (SB 1440 by Gaetz)

Revises provisions authorizing total amount of tax credits that may be granted; revises authorized uses of scholarship funds; revises provisions relating to expenditure of contributions; revises scholarship amounts; provides for preservation of credits under certain circumstances.

Status: Passed 2nd Reading (SB 1440 on Special Order)

HB 659 – Service Learning / Public Schools by Kriseman (SB 1498 by Fasano)

Requires DOE to encourage school districts to initiate, adopt, expand, & institutionalize service-learning programs, activities, and policies in K-12; provides for department assistance to school districts that elect to implement service-learning activities; requires development and adoption of service-learning courses; authorizes activities to count toward graduation and academic awards.

Status: On 2nd Reading (SB 1498 has not been heard)

HB 669 – School Safety/Bullying by Thompson (SB 790 by Baker)

Prohibits bullying and harassment of any student or employee of public K-12 educational institution; requires school district to adopt policy prohibiting bullying and harassment; provides immunity; provides restrictions with respect to defense of action and application of provisions; requires DOE approval of school district policy and school district compliance with reporting procedures as prerequisites to receipt of safe schools funds.

Status: Passed House; in Messages to the Senate (SB 790 on 2nd Reading)

SB 700 – Juvenile Justice by Crist (HB 7087 by Safety & Security Council)

Revises provisions relating to community service programs; provides diversion options; provides that confidential information obtained during an official's service with juvenile delinquents may be shared with authorized personnel of the DCFS; requires the DJJ to adopt rules to establish

procedures to provide ordinary medical care, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities services to youth within the juvenile justice continuum.

Status: Passed 2nd Reading (*HB 7087 passed the House; in Messages to the Senate*)

SB 704 – Administrative Procedures by Bennett (*HB 7127 by GEAC*)

Revises the guidelines for the construction of statutory language granting rulemaking authority. Provides additional procedures for rule-adoption hearings; requires electronic publication of the Florida Administrative Code; requires that certain administrative proceedings be terminated and subsequently reinstated under different provisions of law if a disputed issue of material fact arises.

Status: Passed Senate; on Calendar in the House (*HB 7127 passed 2nd Reading*)

HB 769 – Education/Children in Foster Care (*SB 2750 by Storms*)

Provides conditions for court & district school board appointment of surrogate parent for educational decision making for certain children who have or are suspected of having disability; provides for joint responsibility of court and district school board; provides access to medical and educational records; provides access to free public education for children known to DCFS.

Status: Passed the House; in Messages to the Senate (*SB 2750 passed Children & Families*)

SB 790 – School Safety / Bullying by Baker (*See HB 669*)

HB 817 – Public School Attendance by McBurney (*SB 2424 by Wise*)

Creates Student Preparedness Pilot Program in selected school districts; allows students 16 to 18 years of age to terminate school enrollment if they meet pilot program requirements for attendance and completion; provides for nontraditional academic options; provides for study and report by OPPAGA; enables Ready to Work Program participants to attain various levels of credential.

Status: Passed House; in Messages to the Senate

SB 856 – Disability History and Awareness by Fasano (*HB 91 by Richardson*)

Authorizes district school boards to designate "Disability History and Awareness Weeks" during the first 2 weeks in October each year; provides for students in all K-12 public schools to be provided disability history and awareness instruction; provides the content and goals of such instruction.

Status: Passed the Senate; in Messages to the House (*HB 91 referred to Calendar*)

HB 871 – Educational Facilities Contracting by Kreegal (*SB 1276 by Bennett*)

Increases maximum contract costs for day labor; provides for annual adjustments.

Status: On 2nd Reading (*SB 1276 passed the Senate; in Messages to the House*)

HB 879 – Early Learning by Kelley (*See SB 1670*)

HB 893 – Sales Tax Holiday by Coley (*SB 2094 by Webster*)

Specifies period during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax; provides exceptions.

Status: Passed 2nd Reading (*SB 2094 on Special Order*)

HB 925 – Performance Accountability System by McBurney (*SB 2396 by Wise*)

Provides legislative intent that accountability system comply with requirements of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Status: Passed the House; in Messages to the Senate (*SB 2396 has not been heard*)

HJR 949 – Ad Valorem Tax Limitation by Lopez-Cantera (*SB 2190 by Bennett*)

Proposes amendment to s. 9, Art. VII of State Constitution to provide that total combined property taxes on any parcel of real property shall not exceed 1.35 percent of highest taxable value of property, apply property tax limit to all property taxes except property taxes approved by voters, and provide for distribution of revenue from parcels that have reached 1.35-percent limit by general law.

Status: Passed House; in Messages to the Senate (*SB 2190 favorable in Community Affairs*)

HB 959 – Workforce Innovation by Chestnut (*See SB 428*)

HB 985 – Workplace Skills by Nelson (*SB 1914 by Gaetz*)

Provides for award of Florida Ready to Work Credential; provides for credential levels based on assessment scores; requires student to earn credential for high school graduation with career or technical major area of interest; requires student to earn credential for receipt of Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award; requires WFI and DOE to ensure consistent use of such credential.

Status: Passed the House; in Messages to the Senate (*SB 1914 on Special Order*)

SB 990 – Gifted & Academically Talented Student Education by Wise (*See HB 297*)

HB 1021 – Prekindergarten Education Pilot by Susley (*SB 2606 by Dean*)

Establishes pilot program to enhance quality of Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; specifies counties and provides requirements for individual participants; provides for voluntary participation by prekindergarten providers; provides duties of Early Learning Coalition of Big Bend Region and community colleges; authorizes application for funding.

Status: On 2nd Reading (*SB 2606 on 2nd Reading*)

HB 1041 – Fire Prevention and Control by Garcia (*See SB 2388*)

HB 1049 – Florida Retirement System by Pickens (*SB 2814 by Wise*)

Specifies that election to participate as members in Senior Management Service Class by certain elected officers shall have no effect on statutory limit on number of nonelective full-time positions that may be designated for inclusion within Senior Management Service Class; authorizes designation of certain number of nonelective full-time positions for certain school districts.

Status: Passed 2nd Reading (*SB 2814 has not been heard*)

SB 1062 – Certification Requirements by Dockery (*See HB 207*)

SB 1070 – Intergovernmental Cooperation by King (*HB 445 by Proctor*)

Authorizes parties to an interlocal agreement to provide for the use or maintenance of facilities or equipment; authorizes district school boards to perform certain functions by means of an interlocal agreement; provides for the use of school buses for additional public purposes; provides for reimbursement and indemnification.

Status: Passed the Legislature; enrolled

HB 1113 – Ethics for Public Officers and Employees by Patterson (*HB 322 by Constantine*)

Redefines "business entity"; prohibits public officials from appointing or advancing relatives under certain circumstances; provides penalties for violations; revises disclosure requirements for state officers, appointed state officers, and local officers; prohibits certain conduct that would result in special gain or loss to certain parties; provides disclosure requirements; redefines "local officer."

Status: Passed 2nd Reading (*HB 322 passed the Senate, in Messages to the House*)

HB 1157 – Suicide Prevention Education by Legg (*See SB 2564*)

HB 1163 – Physical Education by Dorworth (*See SB 610*)

HB 1203 – Interstate Compact/Military Children by Proctor (*HB 2546 by Storms*)

Directs Governor to execute Interstate Compact; provides requirements relating to student records and enrollment, placement and attendance, and eligibility for graduation; creates interstate commission and specifies powers and duties; requires Secretary of State to furnish enrolled act

to member states; authorizes designation of Compact Commissioner and Military Family Education Liaison; creates council for compact; provides for future review and repeal.

Status: Passed the House; received in Messages in the Senate (*HB 2546 on Special Order*)

SB 1220 – Ethics for Public Officers & Employees by Constantine (*See HB 1113*)

HB 1259 – Charter Schools by Flores (*See SB 1652*)

SB 1276 – Educational Facilities Contracting by Bennett (*See HB 871*)

HB 1299 – Driver Education by Ambler (*See SB 2678*)

HB 1313 – Students with Disabilities by Precourt (*SB 2700 by Wise*)

Revises terminology used to identify students with certain disabilities; authorizes State Board of Education to adopt rules for eligibility of certain children with disabilities for admission to special programs and related services; revises terminology used to identify postsecondary education students with intellectual, emotional, or behavioral disabilities.

Status: Passed the House; received in Messages in the Senate (*SB 2700 on Special Order*)

HB 1405 – Retirement by Schenck

Prohibits previously retired persons elected to public office or appointed to elective public office from receiving retirement benefits until after termination of such service.

Status: House Council Substitute Filed

SB 1414 – Supplemental Education Services by Diaz de la Portilla (*See HB 65*)

SB 1440 – Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarships by Gaetz (*See HB 653*)

SB 1458 – School Food Service Programs by Wise (*See HB 623*)

SB 1481 – Interscholastic Extra Curricular Activities by Bean (*See SB 526*)

HB 1483 – Chemical & Biological Evolution by Hays (*See SB 2692*)

SB 1498 – Service Learning / Public Schools by Fasano (*See HB 659*)

SB 1652 – Charter Schools by Education Pre-K - 12 (*HB 1259 by Flores*)

Provides that charter technical career centers are subject to certain requirements in the event of a financial emergency; provides for duties of charter school sponsors and governing boards when charter schools and charter technical career centers experience a financial weakness or a financial emergency; requires charter school to disclose the identity of relatives of charter school personnel.

Status: Passed the Senate; Replaced HB 1259 in the House; Passed 2nd Reading as amended

SB 1670 – Early Learning by Gaetz (*HB 879 by Kelley*)

Authorizes the use of telecommunication methods in conducting early learning coalition board meetings; provides additional criminal offenses for screening child care personnel; requires the DOE to assist school districts, charter schools, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and certain private schools and providers in developing policies and procedures.

Status: Place on Special Order (*HB 879 passed 2nd Reading as amended*)

SB 1712 – Ethics in Education Act by Carlton

Specifies certain additional offenses that constitute a breach of public trust; requires the Department of Education to assist school districts, charter schools, the Florida School for the Deaf

and the Blind, and certain private schools and providers in developing policies and procedures governing educator ethics and employment; requires each district school board to adopt ethical standards for all employees.

Status: Passed the Senate; on 2nd Reading in the House

SM 1742 – Educator Ethics by Carlton

Memorial urges the Congress of the United States to support the passage of laws establishing ethical standards for professional educators and to support a national clearinghouse to strengthen state efforts in the reporting, screening, and sharing of critical information relative to educator misconduct.

Status: Passed the Senate; on 2nd Reading in the House

SB 1746 – Education Funding by Wise (See HB 5083)

SB 1752 – Virtual Instruction Programs by Wise (HB 7067 by Schools & Learning)

Authorizes a school district to offer courses by virtual instruction to students meeting certain conditions and to implement the instruction programs by approved district-operated programs or programs provided by contracted providers if approved by the Department of Education; provides that full-time equivalent students participating in a school district's virtual instruction program be funded through the Fla. Education Finance Program.

Status: Placed on Special Order (*HB 7067 passed the House; received in Messages in Senate*)

SB 1756 – Class Size by Wise

SB 1906 – Alternative Credit High School Courses by Gaetz

Establishes a pilot project for awarding high school credit to students enrolled in industry certification programs; requires that a school district submit a letter of interest by a specified date in order to participate in the pilot project; provides for specified courses to be included as alternative credit courses; requires the DOE to adopt passing minimum scores on approved assessments and maintain a course directory.

Status: Passed the Senate; placed on Calendar in the House

SB 1908 – Designation of High School Grades by Gaetz

Amends a provision relating to the school grading system; provides for a revised high school grading system beginning with the 2009-2010 school year which includes the statewide standardized assessment, graduation rates, performance and participation in certain courses, postsecondary readiness as measured by certain examinations, and the change in these factors from year to year.

Status: Passed the Senate; on Special Order in the House

SB 1914 – Workplace Skills by Gaetz (See HB 7045)

SB 2002 – FRS / Payroll Contribution Rates by Governmental Operations (HB 5063 by GEAC)

Revises the payroll contribution rates for the membership classes of the Florida Retirement System for the state fiscal years effective July 1, 2008, and July 1, 2009

Status: Passed the Senate; Conference Issue (*HB 5063 passed the House; Conference Issue*)

SB 2094 – Sales Tax Holiday by Webster (See HB 893)

SB 2152 – Criminal Justice by Criminal Justice (HB 7133 by Safety & Security)

Requires state agencies and regulatory boards to submit to the Governor and legislative officers a report that states current restrictions on the employment of ex-offenders and possible alternatives that are compatible with public safety; provides that a person may not be disqualified from receiving

a license, permit, or certificate or from obtaining public employment on the grounds that the person's civil rights have not been restored.

Status: Passed the Senate; received in Messages in the House (*HB 7133 on 2nd Reading*)

SB 2190 – Ad Valorem Tax Limitation by Bennett (*See HB 949*)

SJR 2308 – Commissioner of Education by Carlton (*HJR 7025 by Schools & Learning*)

Creates position of Commissioner of Education as elected member of Cabinet, revises membership of State Board of Education, revises membership, terms, and duties of local boards of trustees and Board of Governors of State University System, establishes Florida College System.

Status: Passed the Senate; received in Messages in the House (*HJR 7025 has not been heard*)

SB 2388 – Fire Prevention and Control by Saunders (*SB 1041 by Garcia*)

Revises a provision relating to requirements for the State Fire Marshal to make certain firesafety inspections and take certain corrective actions; revises provisions relating to uniform firesafety standards to include application to tunnels; changes the application deadline for participation in the State Fire Marshal Nursing Home Loan Guarantee Program.

Status: Favorable in Community Affairs (*SB 1041 favorable in Financial Institutions*)

SB 2396 – Performance Accountability System by Wise (*See HB 925*)

SB 2418 – College & Career Preparation by Lynn (*See HB 7069*)

SB 2422 – Local Government Finance by Alexander (*HB 7095 by GAEC*)

Provides for the administration of the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund; requires that the board provide local government with certain information before it makes a determination that it is in the best interest of the local government unit to deposit surplus funds in the trust fund; provides for the establishment of a reserve account; creates the Pool Participant Advisory Council.

Status: Passed the Senate; replaced HB 7095 in the House; passed 2nd Reading as amended

SB 2424 – Public School Attendance by Wise (*See HB 817*)

SB 2546 – Education Compact/Military Children by Storms (*See HB 1203*)

SB 2564 – Suicide Prevention Education by Fasano (*HB 1157 by Legg*)

Requires that, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, each school district provide access to suicide prevention education for all instructional and administrative staff using resources approved by the Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention.

Status: Placed on Calendar (*HB 1157 has not been heard*)

SB 2574 – Employee Leave / Sexual Violence by Fasano (*See HB 489*)

SB 2606 – Prekindergarten Education Pilot by Dean (*See HB 1021*)

SB 2678 – Driver Education by Crist (*HB 1299 by Ambler*)

Requires that minors complete a driver education course prior to issuance of a driver's license; provides that the course may be given by a public secondary school, nonpublic school, or commercial driving school; provides instruction and training requirements for courses.

Status: Favorable in Community Affairs (*HB 1299 favorable in Economic Expansion Council*)

SB 2692 – Chemical and Biological Evolution by Storms (*HB 1483 by Hays*)

Amends subjects included as required instruction by adding a thorough presentation and scientific critical analysis of the scientific theory of evolution.

Status: Passed the Senate; Replaced HB 1483 in the House; passed 2nd Reading as amended

SB 2700 – Students with Disabilities/Terminology by Wise (*See HB 1313*)

SB 2750 – Education/Children in Foster Care by Storms (*See HB 769*)

SB 2814 – Florida Retirement System by Wise (*See HB 1049*)

HB 5063 – FRS/Payroll Contribution Rates by GEAC (*See SB 2002*)

HB 5083 – Education Funding by Policy & Budget Council (*SB 1746 by Wise*)

Deletes salary supplements for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification from definition of compensation under FRS; eliminates fee subsidy for NBPTS certification, portfolio preparation incentive, bonus for mentoring, and employer's share of FRS contributions; revises requirements for teacher bonus; excludes charter school Merit Award Program funds from calculation of administrative fees; revises funding for dual enrollment; authorizes transfer of certain categorical funds for academic classroom instruction; revises requirements for expenditure of revenue generated by district school tax millage; revises Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program; provides for future expiration of certain provisions.

Status: Passed the House; Conference Issue (*SB 1746 passed the Senate; Conference Issue*)

HJR 7025 – Commissioner of Education by Schools & Learning (*See SJR 2308*)

HB 7039 – Florida Teachers Leader Program by Schools & Learning

Revises requirements for use of program funds by classroom teachers; provides for disbursement of funds to school districts; specifies means for providing classroom teacher with proportionate share of program funds and provides that funds received are not subject to collective bargaining; provides for retroactive effect; provides requirements for accounting of expenditures.

Status: Passed the House; in Messages to Senate

HB 7043 – Class Size by Schools & Learning (*SB 1756 by Wise*)

Revises schedule for implementing constitutional class size maximums; revises calculations for compliance; revises accountability provisions; authorizes district to make flexibility determination to attain compliance and specifies requirements relating thereto; revises requirements for use of class size reduction operating categorical allocation; deletes certain transfer of appropriations; deletes provisions relating to district eligibility to deliver VPK education program.

Status: Passed the House; Conference Issue (*SB 1756 passed the Senate; Conference Issue*)

HB 7045 – Curricular Standards by Schools & Learning (*SB 1914 by Gaetz*)

Requires State Board of Education to review Sunshine State Standards and replace them with enhanced curricular standards; provides for adoption, review, and revision of standards; restricts expenditure of appropriations for FCAT preparation; requires FCAT to assess social studies and provides for end-of-course assessments; revises requirements for assessments of writing; authorizes certain test-preparation activities; exempts certain schools from receiving school grades or improvement ratings; revises criteria for awards under Florida School Recognition Program.

Status: Passed the House; in Messages to Senate (*SB 1914 on Special Order*)

HB 7067 – Virtual Instruction Programs (*See SB 1752*)

HB 7069 – College and Career Preparation by Schools & Learning (*SB 2418 by Lynn*)

Provides for annual review of high school student's electronic personal education plan; provides for designations on standard high school diplomas; provides for access to postsecondary education credit courses in public high schools; creates Remediation Reform Pilot Project; requires Commissioner to evaluate applications and recommend proposals to Legislature; provides for assignment of grades for dual enrollment courses; revises provisions relating to administration and

use of common placement test; requires evaluation of student's college or career readiness; provides for remedial instruction.

Status: Passed the House; in Messages to Senate (*SB 2418 has not been heard*)

HB 7087 – Juvenile Justice by Safety & Security (*See HB 700*)

HB 7095 – Local Government Finance by GAEC (*See SB 2422*)

HB 7127 – Administrative Procedures by GEAC (*See SB 704*)

HB 7129 – Growth Management by Economic Expansion & Infrastructure (*See SB 474*)

HB 7133 – Criminal Justice by Safety & Security (*See SB 2152*)