

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Gaetz, Chair
Senator Montford, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2015
TIME: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Galvano, Legg, Ring, Simmons, and Stargel

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Follow-Up - Reporting of Student Loan Default Rates for Institutions License by the Commission for Independent Education (Clarification)		Discussed
2	SB 7028 Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Similar CS/H 35)	Educational Opportunities for Veterans; Revising criteria for eligibility for out-of-state fee waivers at state universities, Florida College System institutions, and specified career centers; removing a provision regarding the applicability of waivers to required credit hours for a student's degree or certificate program, etc. AED 03/04/2015 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
3	CS/SB 642 Banking and Insurance / Benacquisto (Similar H 935, Compare H 937, H 939, Link CS/S 644, CS/S 646)	Individuals with Disabilities; Creating the "Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act"; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to establish a direct-support organization known as "Florida ABLE, Inc."; authorizing the organization to use certain services, property, and facilities of the Florida Prepaid College Board; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Education to assist, cooperate, and coordinate with the organization in the provision of public information and outreach for the program, etc. BI 02/17/2015 Fav/CS AED 03/04/2015 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
4	CS/SB 644 Banking and Insurance / Benacquisto (Similar H 937, Compare H 935, Link CS/S 642)	Florida ABLE Program Trust Fund/State Board of Administration; Creating the Florida ABLE Program Trust Fund within the State Board of Administration; authorizing sources of funds; specifying the purpose of the trust fund and authorized uses of the assets; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information, etc. BI 02/17/2015 Fav/CS AED 03/04/2015 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0

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5	CS/SB 152 Education Pre-K - 12 / Ring (Similar H 123)	Disability Awareness; Requiring, rather than authorizing, each district school board to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools beginning in a specified school year; requiring each public school to establish a disability history and awareness advisory council, etc. ED 02/18/2015 Fav/CS AED 03/04/2015 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
6	SB 7030 Higher Education	Postsecondary Education for Students With Disabilities; Creating the "Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act"; establishing eligibility requirements for enrollment in the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program; establishing the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities; establishing a Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Scholarship for certain qualified students, etc. AED 03/04/2015 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
7	SB 602 Gaetz (Compare H 723)	Students With Disabilities; Revising scholarship application deadlines and guidelines; requiring authorized program funds to support the student's educational needs; providing future repeal of provisions pertaining to an implementation schedule of notification and eligibility timelines; authorizing a prepaid college plan to be purchased, accounted for, used, and terminated under certain circumstances, etc. ED 02/18/2015 Favorable AED 03/04/2015 Fav/CS AP	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
8	Discussion of Digital Classroom Budget Requirements		Discussed
Workshop - Discussion and testimony only on the following (no vote to be taken):			
9	Education Budget Development and Related Issues		Discussed
Other Related Meeting Documents			