

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Gaetz, Chair
Senator Montford, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2015
TIME: 9:30 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	SB 802 Gaetz (Identical H 1153)	Vocational Rehabilitation; Providing for the future repeal of the designation of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as the administrative unit for purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, subject to legislative review of a required report; requiring the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to initiate, by a specified date, a performance improvement plan designed to achieve specified goals; requiring the division to develop and implement a pilot program to improve the state vocational rehabilitation program, etc. HE 03/10/2015 Favorable AED 03/19/2015 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
2	SB 960 Lee (Similar CS/H 747)	Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; Requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed, etc. HE 03/10/2015 Favorable AED 03/19/2015 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
3	SB 1140 Montford	Bright Futures Scholarship Program; Providing that the initial award and renewal period for students who are unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation begins upon the completion of the religious or service obligation, etc. HE 03/10/2015 Favorable AED 03/19/2015 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0

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4	CS/SB 616 Education Pre-K - 12 / Legg (Compare H 1177, H 1241, CS/H 7069, S 100, S 774, S 1544)	Education Accountability; Revising the powers of the State Board of Education to require adoption of rules regarding notification forms for grade 3 retention and midyear promotion, and high school graduation requirements and options; removing the requirement that English Language Arts statewide assessments be administered to students in grade 11; revising requirements for a district school board's comprehensive student progression plan; specifying alternative assessments that may be accepted by public postsecondary educational institutions in lieu of the common placement test, etc. ED 02/18/2015 Workshop-Discussed ED 03/04/2015 Fav/CS AED 03/19/2015 Fav/CS AP	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 1
5	Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Issues Relating to: Department of Education Board of Governors Office of Early Learning		Presented
	Other Related Meeting Documents		
