



Appropriations Conference Chairs

House PreK-12/Higher Education Appropriations
Senate Appropriations Committee on Education

House Offer #1

HB 5101- Education

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212 Knott Building

HB 5101 and SB 2516 (PreK-12 Sections Only)

Row #	Section Name	Statute	House Section #	HB 5101	Senate Section #	SB 2516	House Offer #1
1	Transportation Stipend	1002.31	1	Creates the transportation stipend; defines eligibility as K-8th grade students who choose to attend a public school that is not their assigned public school; amount of the stipend is specified in the General Appropriations Act (GAA); clarifies one stipend per household; and requires the stipend program to be administered by an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization.		N/A	Maintain House Position
2	Developmental Research (Lab) Schools	1002.32	2	Clarifies which lab schools the limitation of one lab school per university does not apply; deletes the Lab School Educational Facility Trust Fund.		N/A	Maintain House Position
3	Charter Schools	1002.33	3	Clarifies that charter schools sponsored by a FCS institution or state university are funded in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP); establishes the methodology for calculating the amount of funds provided in the FEFP which aligns with methodology used for funding lab schools; sets the comparable wage factor at 1.000; requires the amount of FEFP funding to be recalculated based on the completion of FTE surveys; establishes the calculation methodology for determining the amount of capital outlay funding which aligns with the methodology used for capital outlay funding for lab schools.	4	Clarifies that charter schools sponsored by a FCS institution or state university are funded in the FEFP; establishes the methodology for calculating the amount of funds provided in the FEFP which aligns with methodology used for funding lab schools; removes requirement for Department of Education (DOE) to develop charter school funding calculation tool; requires funding calculation to be based on actual enrollment.	Maintain House Position
4	AMIkids, Inc.	985.176		N/A	3	Authorizes the Departments of Children and Families, Education and Juvenile Justice to contract with AMIkids, Inc., to provide alternatives to institutionalization or commitment of young men and women.	House Offers Modified Senate Position: <u>Creates the AMIkids, Inc., program to provide alternatives to institutionalization or commitment for young men and women</u> Authorizes the Departments of Children and Families, Education and Juvenile Justice to contract with AMIkids, Inc., to provide alternatives to institutionalization or commitment of young men and women.

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5	Family Empowerment Scholarship Program (FES)	1002.394	4	Deletes transportation as an eligible use of the FES Educational Options (EO) scholarship; removes funding amount.	6	Revises the FES EO transportation scholarship funding; specifies that \$750 is the award amount for a transportation scholarship; amends eligibility to students whose household income level does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level or whose currently placed in foster care or in out-of-home care; clarifies one scholarship is awarded per household.	Maintain House Position
6	Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC)	1002.395	5	Deletes transportation as an eligible use of the FTC scholarship; removes funding amount.	7	Revises the FTC transportation scholarship funding; specifies that \$750 is the award amount for a transportation scholarship; amends eligibility to students whose household income level does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level or whose currently placed in foster care or in out-of-home care; clarifies one scholarship is awarded per household.	Maintain House Position
7	Bridge to Speech Program	1002.391		N/A	5	Establishes the program; specifies the rate at which tuition will be provided; sets the dates the DOE must award the funds.	Accept Senate Position
8	Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK)	1002.68	6	Codifies in permanent law section 5 of ch. 2023-239, Laws of Fla.		N/A	House Offers Modified Position: <u>Extends the timeline for calculating each VPK provider's performance metrics</u> Codifies in permanent law section 5 of ch. 2023-239, Laws of Fla.
9	Driving Choice Grant Program	1006.27	7	Repeals the Driving Choice Grant Program.		N/A	Maintain House Position
10	VPK Summer Bridge Program	1008.25	8	Establishes the program for VPK students who score below the 10th percentile on the final administration of the coordinated screening and progress monitoring system; sets the minimum number of instructional hours per day and total number of program hours.		N/A	Maintain House Position
11	VPK Administrative Fee	1002.71		N/A	8	Increases the administration percentage factored in by the county for the early learning coalitions from 4 to 5 percent.	Accept Senate Position

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12	FEFP	1011.62	9	Adjusts the required local effort (RLE) millage from 90% to 85%; clarifies charter schools sponsored by a FCS institution or state university receive the State-funded Discretionary Contribution; clarifies the base amount of each school district's Educational Enrichment Allocation.	14	Requires that the supplemental allocation for juvenile justice education programs is the sum of the class-size reduction allocation and the student allocation; provides calculation methodology.	House Offers Modified Position: Adjusts the required local effort (RLE) millage from 90% to 85%; Clarifies charter schools sponsored by a FCS institution or state university receive the State-funded Discretionary Contribution; <u>allows the unexpended balance of funds appropriated for the Educational Enrollment Stabilization Program to carry forward for 10 years after the effective date of the original appropriation and to maintain a projected minimum balance of \$250 million at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year</u> clarifies the base amount of each school district's Educational Enrichment Allocation.
13	Charity for Change Program	1003.421		N/A	9	Creates the program to implement character education standards; authorizes program to use 3rd party providers to deliver after-school and summer services.	Accept Senate Position
14	Florida Academic Improvement Trust Fund	1011.765	10	Clarifies that the Florida Virtual School's education foundation is eligible to participate in the matching grant program funded by the trust fund.		N/A	Maintain House Position
15	Charter School Capital Outlay	1013.62	11	Clarifies charter schools sponsored by a FCS institution or state university receiving a legislative appropriation for capital outlay improvement are not eligible for funding under s. 1013.62.		N/A	Maintain House Position

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16	School Readiness Program						<p>House Offers New Issue: <u>Revises the school readiness cost data that the Department of Education (DOE) is required to annually collect; requires the DOE to implement a school readiness sliding fee scale that increases in relation to family income; modifies the methodology for determining each early learning coalition's (ELC) school readiness allocation, and modifies the methodology for how each ELC distributes the school readiness funds to eligible providers.</u></p>
17	School District Threat Management Coordinator						<p>House Offers New Issue: <u>Requires each school district to have a threat management coordinator.</u></p>
18	Wakulla County Taxable Value						<p>House Offers New Issue: <u>The taxable value for the Wakulla County School District as provided by the Department of Revenue by January 1, 2024, is used for the remaining calculations of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Florida Education Finance Program and for use in the Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage calculation. Effective upon becoming law and expires July 1, 2025.</u></p>
19	School Bond Referendum						<p>House Offers New Issue: <u>The Department of Education shall develop and maintain a system to compile all school bond referendums and debt incurred by each school district as a result of a referendum for capital outlay or operational purposes.</u></p>

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1	Florida College System (FCS) & State Group Health Insurance (SGHI) Program	110.123		N/A	1	Allows FCS institutions to participate in the SGHI program; defines the term "participating college" to mean a FCS institution that enrolls in the SGHI program.	House Offers Modified Senate Issue: Brings <u>Allows</u> FCS institutions <u>into</u> to <u>participate in</u> the SGHI program; <u>requires</u> the coverage period to begin <u>in the 2025 plan year by July 31, 2025, and be for at least 3 years</u> defines the term "participating college" to mean a FCS institution that enrolls in the SGHI program.
2	Florida College System (FCS) & State Group Health Insurance (SGHI) Program	110.1229		N/A	2	Specifies the requirements for a FCS institution to participate in the SGHI program; sets enrollment period to begin before 7/31/25.	Maintain House Position Not to Include
3	Adult Secondary and Postsecondary Education Options	1003.435		N/A	10	Requires school districts to notify candidates for the high school equivalency diploma of the options for and requirements of adult secondary and postsecondary education.	Maintain House Position Not to Include
4	Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program	1004.933		N/A	11	Establishes the program with the DOE; specifies the legislative intent of the program; establishes student eligibility requirements; exempts students enrolled in the program from the payment of registration, tuition, lab and examination fees, and instructional materials; prohibits institutions offering the program from imposing additional criteria that would require students to receive fee waivers or free instructional materials.	Maintain House Position Not to Include
5	Graduation Rates and GATE Program	1008.34		N/A	12	Clarifies that students enrolled in the GATE program are not included in the school's graduation rate.	Maintain House Position Not to Include

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6	GATE Scholarship Program	1009.711		N/A	13	Creates the scholarship to support institutions providing the GATE program; funding contingent upon a legislative appropriation; identifies items that the scholarship award will reimburse; establishes reporting requirements; requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement the program.	Maintain House Position Not to Include
7	Co-enrollment in K-12 and Adult Education Programs	1011.80		N/A	15	Increases from two to four the number of courses that can be reported for funding for students co-enrolled in a K-12 education program and adult education program.	Maintain House Position Not to Include
8	GATE Program Student Success Incentive Fund	1011.804		N/A	16	Creates the fund to reward school districts and FCS institutions for the success of students participating in the GATE program; subject to a legislative appropriation; specifies that the allocation amount is based on certain performance metrics; requires that unless otherwise specified in the GAA, award amounts are \$750 per student obtaining a standard high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma and \$1,000 per student earning career certificates or credentials.	Maintain House Position Not to Include
9	Temporary Apprenticeship Certificate						House Offer New Section: Deletes the completion of <u>subject area content or demonstration of mastery of subject area knowledge</u> as a requirement for being issued a temporary apprenticeship certificate.
10	First Responder Scholarship Program						House Offers New Section: Renames the Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program and expands it to include <u>first responders, including emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and fire fighters.</u> Provides requirements.
11	Effective Date		12	7/1/2024	17	7/1/2024	