

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Education Pre-K -12

CS/SB 290 — Public School Student Progression for Students with Disabilities

by Education Pre-K - 12 Committee and Senators Jones and Berman

The bill authorizes a parent to retain his or her child in prekindergarten, in consultation with the individual education plan (IEP) team, if that child has a disability, an IEP, is enrolled in a public school prekindergarten program at the age of four, and is fully funded through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP).

The bill requires that a four-year old student with an IEP, who has been retained in a public school prekindergarten program that was fully funded through the FEFP and has demonstrated a substantial deficiency in early literacy skills, must receive instruction in such skills.

The bill also adds retention in a prekindergarten program to the good cause exemptions from mandatory retention. Specifically, the bill allows a student in grade 3, who has a disability and who is below grade-level in English Language Arts despite at least 2 years of intensive instruction, be promoted to grade 4, if the student was previously retained in a prekindergarten program.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 113-0