

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

CS/CS/HB 19 — Individual Education Plans

by Education and Employment Committee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Tant and others (CS/SB 636 by Education Pre-K – 12 Committee and Senators Simon and Perry)

The bill requires school districts to, as a part of the transition portion of an individual education plan (IEP), provide certain information to a student with a disability and his or her parent at least 1 year before the student turns 18. The information concerns issues of self-determination and the legal rights and responsibilities regarding educational decisions that transfer to the student upon attaining the age of 18.

The information provided must include ways in which the student may provide informed consent to allow his or her parents to continue to participate in educational decisions, including the permission for parents to access confidential records protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; powers of attorney; guardian advocacy; and guardianship.

The bill authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules relating to the transition notification requirements in the bill.

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

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 113-0