

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

CS/HB 7087 — Education Law Repeals

by Education Committee; K-20 Innovation Committee; K-20 Competitive Subcommittee; and Representative Fresen (CS/SB 1996 by Budget Committee and Pre-K - 12 Education Committee)

The bill repeals the requirement for students who took Algebra I in the middle grades from 2007-2008 through 2009-2010 to take the Algebra I end-of-course assessment in the 2010-2011 school year. Approximately, 39,600 students will not be required to take the Algebra I assessment, in some instances, several years after completion of the Algebra I course.

The bill also repeals programs that are not funded or are obsolete. The programs are:

- Digital Divide Council and the associated Pilot Project for Discounted Computers and Internet Access for Low-Income Students;
- Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce;
- Community and Faith-based Organizations Initiative;
- Community and Library Technology Access Partnership;
- Community computer access grant program;
- Adult Literacy Centers;
- Florida Literacy Corps;
- Preteacher and Teacher Education Pilot programs;
- Teacher Education Pilot Programs for High-Achieving Students;
- Merit Award Program; and
- Critical Teacher Shortage Program, which includes—Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program, Critical Teacher Shortage Tuition Reimbursement Program, and the Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program.

The bill repeals obsolete provisions of law governing the criteria for awarding continuing contracts and professional service contracts.

The bill also repeals a section of law found unconstitutional that prohibits any person in the state of Florida from falsely claiming to possess an academic degree, or the title associated with that degree, unless the person has been awarded the degree from an accredited institution.

These provisions became law upon approval by the Governor on May 5, 2011.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 78-39