

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
Senator Perry, Chair  
Senator Jones, Vice Chair

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023  
**TIME:** 1:00—3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Perry, Chair; Senator Jones, Vice Chair; Senators Avila, Book, Broxson, Burton, Calatayud, Collins, Davis, Harrell, Hutson, Simon, and Thompson

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TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Introductions and Committee Overview		Presented

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Other Related Meeting Documents

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# Appropriations Committee on Education

## Overview



# Early Learning-12 Budgets

- Early Learning
  - School Readiness Program
  - Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK)
- Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) – Public School Funding
- Non-FEFP Programs - major issues include New World Reading Scholarships, Feis Guardian Program, School Recognition, and the Florida School for Deaf and Blind
- Education Media and Technology (public broadcasting)
- Federal Programs
- State Board of Education (includes assessment budget)

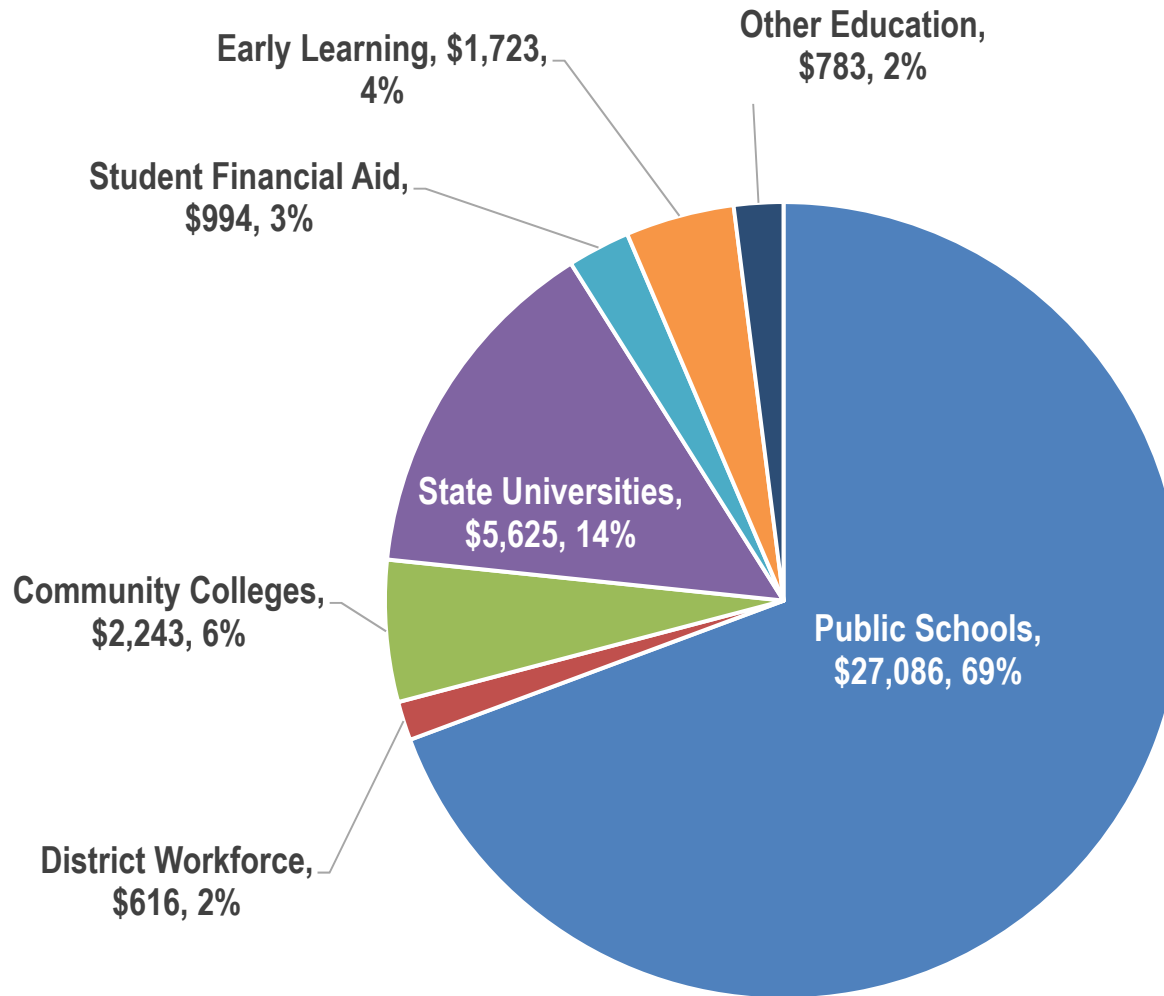
# Higher Education Budgets

- District Workforce (school district career education centers)
- Florida Colleges
- State Universities
- Student Financial Assistance (state and federal)
- Private Colleges and Universities (includes EASE)
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services
- Board of Governors

# Total Education Funds by Policy Area 2022-23 Appropriations (\$ Millions)

*(Includes local funds – no FCO)*

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# Budgets within Education

## *Major Fiscal Policy Decision Points*

- **Early Learning Programs (VPK and School Readiness)**
  - VPK Workload Funding – linked to formal estimating conference results
  - Base Student Allocation (BSA) funding level for the VPK program
  - Use of additional federal funds associated with the School Readiness program
  - Local funding initiatives
- **Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)**
  - Per student (FTE) funding level – compared to the prior year; the funds per student is driven by estimating conference results for the number of students and ad valorem revenue
  - BSA increase over the prior year – flexible funding for school districts
  - New and/or changes to various categorical funding initiatives (i.e. school safety, mental health assistance, teacher salary increase allocation....) within the FEFP – in most instances, these are restricted funds
  - Florida Empowerment Scholarships – funding and policy
- **K-12 Non-FEFP Programs**
  - New Worlds Reading Scholarship Program - funding and policy
  - Driving Choice Grant Program - funding and policy
  - Community School Grant Program
  - School Recognition
  - Funding for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
  - Local funding initiatives

# Budgets within Education

## *Major Fiscal Policy Decision Points...Continued*

- **State Board of Education**

- K-12 assessment funding and policy
- Department of Education IT funding
- Statewide school safety initiatives
- Funding for various Department of Education initiatives typically linked to statewide standards and curricula (training and tools for teachers)

- **School District Workforce Education**

- Overall funding level for district workforce programs – compared to prior years
- The amount (if any) of overall funding increase to be allocated through the workforce funding model (equity based)
- CAPE Performance Based Incentives – funding and policy
- Pathways To Career Opportunities Grant (apprenticeship) funding

- **Florida College System**

- Overall funding level- compared to the prior year
- The amount (if any) of overall funding increase to be allocated through the college funding model
- Performance Based Incentives – funding and policy
- CAPE Performance Based Incentives – funding and policy
- Local funding initiatives

# Budgets within Education

## *Major Fiscal Policy Decision Points...Continued*

### Student Financial Assistance

- ***Bright Futures Scholarship funding*** - the overall funding level is driven by the number of eligible students based on estimating conference results
- ***Benacquisto Scholarships funding*** – the overall funding level is driven by the number of eligible students based on estimating conference results
- ***Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans*** – the overall funding level is driven by the number of eligible students based on estimating conference results
- ***Florida Student Assistance Grant (need-based funding)*** – the overall funding level is not typically driven by the number of eligible students or estimating conference results
- ***Other state scholarships and grants programs*** – that are not linked to official estimating conference results



# Budgets within Education

## *Major Fiscal Policy Decision Points...Continued*

- **State University System**

- Overall funding level - compared to the prior year
- Performance Based Incentives - overall funding level, split between state vs institutional funds, and other related policies (i.e., tweaks to the calculation of specific measures)
- National Ranking/Preeminence
- Other general operating enhancements
- Local funding initiatives

- **Private Colleges and Universities**

- EASE funding – the primary decision point for this program is the student award level. Once this amount is decided, the overall funding level is driven by official estimating conference results for the number of eligible students.
- Local funding initiatives

- **Vocational Rehabilitation & Blind Services**

- Department requested operational needs
- Local funding initiatives



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**SENATOR SHEVRIN D. "SHEV" JONES**

District 34

January 25, 2023

The Hon. Keith Perry  
Chair, Appropriations Committee on Education  
406 Senate Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Perry,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education meeting scheduled for today, Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If I may be of assistance to answer any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

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Shevrin D. "Shev" Jones  
Florida State Senator – Senate District 34

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Geraldine F. Thompson, SD 15

cc: Tim Elwell, Staff Director  
Amanda Fountain, Administrative Assistant

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