

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS
Senator Lee, Chair
Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
TIME: 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Flores, Gaetz, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley, Hays, Hukill, Joyner, Latvala, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Richter, Ring, Simmons, and Smith

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
Consideration of proposed bill:			
1	SPB 2500	Appropriations; Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay-buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
2	SPB 2502	Implementing the General Appropriations Act; Incorporating by reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program; providing that funds for instructional materials must be released and expended as required in specified proviso language, notwithstanding other provisions of law; revising the basis for allocating fixed capital outlay funds for existing satisfactory facilities, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
3	SPB 2504	State Employees; Providing for the resolution of collective bargaining issues at impasse between the state and certified bargaining units of state employees, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 17 Nays 0
4	SB 7038 Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Similar H 5005)	Employer Contributions to Fund Retiree Benefits; Revising the employer contribution rates for the retiree health insurance subsidy; revising the required employer retirement contribution rates for members of each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc.	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
		AP 03/25/2015 Favorable	

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5	SPB 2506	Judiciary; Establishing the headquarters of the Supreme Court; authorizing a Supreme Court Justice to designate a district court of appeal courthouse, a county courthouse, or any other facility in his or her county of residence as his or her official headquarters; providing for a justice to receive subsistence and transportation reimbursement relating to travel to the headquarters of the Supreme Court under certain circumstances, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
6	SPB 2508	Education; Requiring a state research university to enter into and maintain a formal agreement with a specified organization to offer college-sponsored merit scholarship awards as a condition of designation as a preeminent state research university; revising the term "full-time student" for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring supplemental academic instruction categorical funds and research-based reading instruction allocation funds to be used by a school district with at least one of certain lowest-performing elementary schools for additional intensive reading instruction at such school during the summer program in addition to the school year, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 17 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
7	SPB 2510	Florida Business Information Portal; Establishing the Florida Business Information Portal within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; authorizing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to contract for services to develop the portal; repealing provisions relating to the One-Stop Business Registration Portal Clearing Trust Fund, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
8	SPB 2512	Medicaid; Deleting provisions that authorized the agency to receive funds from certain state entities, local governments, and other political subdivisions for a specific purpose; altering the annual allocation cap for hospitals participating in the Statewide Medicaid Residency Program; creating the Graduate Medical Education Startup Bonus Program; providing parameters for the reconciliation of managed care plan payments in the long-term care managed care program, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 17 Nays 0

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9	SPB 2514	Allocation of Funds for Community-based Care Lead Agencies; Revising the equity allocation model for funding community-based care lead agencies, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 17 Nays 0

A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 602) is available:

10	SB 602 Gaetz (Compare H 723, CS/H 7095)	Students With Disabilities; Revising scholarship application deadlines and guidelines; requiring authorized program funds to support the student's educational needs; providing future repeal of provisions pertaining to an implementation schedule of notification and eligibility timelines; authorizing a prepaid college plan to be purchased, accounted for, used, and terminated under certain circumstances, etc.	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
		ED 02/18/2015 Favorable AED 03/04/2015 Fav/CS AP 03/25/2015 Fav/CS	

With subcommittee recommendation - Education Appropriations

11	CS/SB 604 Commerce and Tourism / Flores (Similar CS/H 271)	Consumer Protection; Citing this act as the "True Origin of Digital Goods Act"; requiring owners and operators of specified websites and online services to disclose certain information; providing for injunctive relief, etc.	Favorable Yeas 14 Nays 1
		CM 03/02/2015 Fav/CS JU 03/10/2015 Favorable AP 03/25/2015 Favorable	

A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (CS/SB 616) is available:

12	CS/SB 616 Education Pre-K - 12 / Legg (Compare H 1177, H 1241, CS/H 7069, S 100, S 774, S 1544)	Education Accountability; Revising the powers of the State Board of Education to require adoption of rules regarding notification forms for grade 3 retention and midyear promotion, and high school graduation requirements and options; removing the requirement that English Language Arts statewide assessments be administered to students in grade 11; revising requirements for a district school board's comprehensive student progression plan; specifying alternative assessments that may be accepted by public postsecondary educational institutions in lieu of the common placement test, etc.	Fav/CS Yeas 14 Nays 1
		ED 02/18/2015 Workshop-Discussed ED 03/04/2015 Fav/CS AED 03/19/2015 Fav/CS AP 03/25/2015 Fav/CS	

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13	CS/SB 642 Banking and Insurance / Benacquisto (Similar H 935, Compare H 937, CS/H 939, Link CS/S 644, CS/S 646)	Individuals with Disabilities; Creating the "Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act"; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to establish a direct-support organization known as "Florida ABLE, Inc."; authorizing the organization to use certain services, property, and facilities of the Florida Prepaid College Board; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Education to assist, cooperate, and coordinate with the organization in the provision of public information and outreach for the program, etc. BI 02/17/2015 Fav/CS AED 03/04/2015 Favorable AP 03/25/2015 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation - Education Appropriations			
14	CS/SB 644 Banking and Insurance / Benacquisto (Similar H 937, Compare H 935, Link CS/S 642)	Florida ABLE Program Trust Fund/State Board of Administration; Creating the Florida ABLE Program Trust Fund within the State Board of Administration; authorizing sources of funds; specifying the purpose of the trust fund and authorized uses of the assets; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information, etc. BI 02/17/2015 Fav/CS AED 03/04/2015 Favorable AP 03/25/2015 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation - Education Appropriations			
15	CS/SB 646 Banking and Insurance / Benacquisto (Similar CS/H 939, Compare H 935, Link CS/S 642)	Public Records/Information Held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., and the Florida ABLE program; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personal financial and health information held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., the Florida ABLE program, or an agent or service provider thereof; authorizing the release of such information under specified circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. BI 02/17/2015 Fav/CS GO 03/04/2015 Favorable AP 03/25/2015 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0

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16	CS/CS/SB 778 Governmental Oversight and Accountability / Community Affairs / Hays (Identical CS/CS/H 113)	Local Government Construction Preferences; Prohibiting local ordinances and regulations from restricting competition for the award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requiring a state college, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents, etc. CA 03/04/2015 Fav/CS GO 03/17/2015 Fav/CS AP 03/25/2015 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 12 Nays 5
17	SB 802 Gaetz (Compare CS/H 1153)	Vocational Rehabilitation; Providing for the future repeal of the designation of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as the administrative unit for purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, subject to legislative review of a required report; requiring the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to initiate, by a specified date, a performance improvement plan designed to achieve specified goals; requiring the division to develop and implement a pilot program to improve the state vocational rehabilitation program, etc. HE 03/10/2015 Favorable AED 03/19/2015 Favorable AP 03/25/2015 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 15 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation - Education Appropriations			
A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 7044) is available:			
18	SB 7044 Health Policy	Health Insurance Affordability Exchange; Creating the Florida Health Insurance Affordability Exchange Program or FHIX in the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing patient rights and responsibilities; providing for the development of a long-term reorganization plan and the formation of the FHIX Workgroup; removing certain Medicaid-eligible persons from those for whom the agency may make payments for medical assistance and related services, etc. AHS 03/17/2015 Fav/CS AP 03/25/2015 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation - Health and Human Services Appropriations			

Consideration of proposed bill:

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19	SPB 7068	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Revising the definition of “mental illness” to include dementia and traumatic brain injuries; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Children and Families to develop a plan to obtain federal approval for increasing the availability of federal Medicaid funding for behavioral health care; requiring that, by a specified date, the department modify certain licensure rules and procedures, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 17 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
20	SPB 7070	Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Adding substance abuse impairment to a list of disorders for which the Legislature intends to develop treatment programs; adding substance abuse services as a program focus for which the Department of Children and Families is responsible; adding substance abuse care as an element of the continuity of care management system that the department must establish, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Other Related Meeting Documents			
