

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION PRE-K - 12
Senator Legg, Chair
Senator Detert, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2015
TIME: 2:00 —4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Legg, Chair; Senator Detert, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Brandes, Bullard, Clemens, Gaetz, Galvano, Garcia, Montford, and Sobel

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
Consideration of proposed bill:			
1	SPB 7046	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; authorizing a low-performing elementary school to administer the required additional hours of instruction in a summer program; revising the types and amounts of bonuses that a teacher may receive in any given school year, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 11 Nays 0
2	SB 518 Gibson (Identical H 483)	Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Revising provisions relating to calculation of the kindergarten readiness rate for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program providers and schools; requiring the administration of a preassessment and postassessment to students based upon adopted performance standards, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
3	SB 954 Garcia (Similar H 291)	Involuntary Examinations of Minors; Requiring school health services plans to include notification requirements when a student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; requiring a receiving facility to provide notice of the whereabouts of an adult or emancipated minor patient held for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Favorable AED FP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0

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4	SB 1116 Abruzzo (Similar CS/H 153)	Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project; Requiring the Office of Early Learning to establish the pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requiring the office to select an organization to implement the pilot project; encouraging the coordination of basic health screening and immunization services in conjunction with emergent literacy instruction, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 1
5	SB 1264 Legg	Digital Classrooms; Establishing requirements for digital classrooms technology infrastructure planning by the Agency for State Technology or a contracted organization; requiring the Office of Technology and Information Services of the Department of Education to consult with the Agency for State Technology in developing the 5-year strategic plan for Florida digital classrooms; specifying conditions for a school district to maintain eligibility for Florida digital classrooms allocation funds, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Temporarily Postponed AED AP	Temporarily Postponed
Workshop - Discussion and Public Testimony only on School Choice Issues and Bills (no vote to be taken):			
6	SB 254 Clemens	Charter Schools; Requiring a charter school to demonstrate it meets certain needs that the local school district does not or is unable to provide to students in that district in order to obtain approval, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed
7	SB 692 Brandes (Compare H 7037)	Charter Schools; Providing an exception to the prohibition on a high-performing charter school establishing more than one charter school in this state under specified circumstances; authorizing certain out-of-state entities to apply for designation as a high-performing charter school system; requiring that charter schools established by such entities receive a reduction in certain administrative fees, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed

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8	SB 720 Ring (Compare H 61, S 906, S 1336)	School Choice; Requiring a person or officer of an entity who submits a charter school application to undergo background screening; prohibiting a sponsor from approving a charter school application until completion and receipt of the results of such screening; requiring a charter school applicant to provide evidence of accreditation, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed
9	SB 906 Sobel (Compare S 720)	Charter Schools; Requiring an application for a charter school to contain a list of certain information regarding all charter schools currently or previously operated by the applicant, applicant group, or proposed management company; requiring a sponsor to consider current or previous charter school performance by the applicant, applicant group, or proposed management company; authorizing a sponsor to deny an application based on charter school failures, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED FP	Workshop-Discussed
10	SB 952 Garcia (Similar CS/H 357)	Charter School District Pilot Program; Creating the Charter School District Pilot Program; requiring district school boards participating in the pilot program to allocate a specified percentage of certain funds to participating schools; providing additional authority and responsibilities of the principal of a participating school in a charter school district, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed
11	SB 1036 Montford (Compare H 61, S 1336)	Charter Schools; Requiring a charter school application and charter to document that the governing board is independent of a management company; specifying circumstances under which a student is considered to have voluntarily withdrawn from a charter school; establishing procedures and requirements for audits and investigations of charter schools; deleting provisions relating to performance contracts for innovation schools of technology, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed

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12	SB 1038 Montford	Charter Schools; Creating the "Charter School Excellence Act"; specifying the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Education with respect to the issuance of statements of need; requiring an applicant to file a letter of intent with the department before applying for a statement of need; authorizing the department to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed project under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from undertaking a project subject to review without holding a statement of need, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed
13	SB 1336 Braynon (Similar H 61, Compare S 720, S 1036)	Charter Schools; Requiring a charter school applicant to provide verified evidence of a surety bond or secured escrow account in a certain amount within a specified timeframe, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed
14	SB 1448 Legg (Compare H 1145, H 7037, S 1552)	Student Choice; Authorizing a parent to enroll his or her child in and transport his or her child to any public school that has not reached capacity, including charter schools, in any school district in this state; clarifying requirements for the creation of a virtual charter school; revising conditions for termination of a virtual instruction provider's contract; establishing the Florida Charter School Innovation Institute, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed
15	SB 1552 Benacquisto (Similar H 1145, Compare S 1448)	Parent and Student Rights; Providing the right of a parent to know the average amount of money expended for the education of his or her child; deleting the definition of and provisions relating to controlled open enrollment; requiring each school district to instead establish a public school parental choice policy that allows students to attend any public school that has not reached capacity in their district; requiring each school district board to establish a classroom teacher transfer process for parents, approve or deny a request within a certain timeframe, and post an explanation of the transfer process in the student handbook, etc. ED 03/11/2015 Workshop-Discussed AED AP	Workshop-Discussed

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