

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION
Senator Gruters, Chair
Senator Jones, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2021
TIME: 9:00—11:30 a.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Gruters, Chair; Senator Jones, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Bradley, Broxson, Diaz, Hutson, Passidomo, Polsky, and Thurston

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
		PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	Presented
1	SB 48 Diaz	Educational Scholarship Programs; Requiring the Auditor General to conduct certain audits at least every 3 years instead of annually; adding certain students to those whom district school boards must provide preferential treatment in the controlled open enrollment process; establishing the McKay-Gardiner Scholarship Program; prohibiting a student from participating in the program under certain circumstances; providing that program funding for specified children constitutes their full funding under part V of ch. 1002; providing commissioner authority and obligations relating to suspending or revoking program participation, etc. ED 02/03/2021 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 4
2	SB 146 Brandes (Compare H 611)	Civic Education; Requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop minimum criteria for a nonpartisan civic literacy practicum for high school students, beginning with a specified school year; authorizing students to apply the hours they devote to practicum activities to certain community service requirements; requiring school districts accept nonpartisan civic literacy practicum activities and hours in requirements for certain awards; requiring the State Board of Education to designate certain high schools as Freedom Schools, etc. ED 02/03/2021 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0

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3	SB 282 Baxley (Identical H 529)	Moments of Silence in Public Schools; Providing legislative findings; requiring that public school principals require certain teachers to set aside time for a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day; prohibiting teachers from making suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence; deleting a provision authorizing district school boards to provide a brief period of silent prayer or meditation; requiring certain teachers to encourage parents or guardians to discuss the moment of silence with their children and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time, etc. ED 02/03/2021 Favorable JU RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 1
4	SB 200 Berman	Student Retention; Authorizing a parent to request that his or her student be retained in a grade level for a specified school year; requiring school district superintendents to grant such requests if they are timely received; requiring school districts to administer a certain assessment to specified students; clarifying that specified students may qualify for midyear promotion; authorizing a parent to request such promotion or to request that his or her student continue to be retained, etc. ED 02/03/2021 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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