

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION
Senator Gruters, Chair
Senator Jones, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2022
TIME: 1:00—3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 390 Book (Identical H 235)	Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools; Prohibiting school personnel from using mechanical restraint on students with disabilities; providing exceptions, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
2	SB 600 Berman (Similar CS/H 599)	Upgrades to Education Facilities as Emergency Shelters; Exempting costs of less than \$2 million associated with certain upgrades to education facilities from being included in certain cost per student station calculations; prohibiting renewable energy source devices located on the property of an education facility from generating more than a specified amount of energy; requiring costs associated with certain upgrades to be consistent with prevailing market costs in the area where the education facility is located, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
3	CS/SB 706 Community Affairs / Perry (Similar CS/H 851)	School Concurrency; Revising provisions specifying when school concurrency is satisfied; specifying that proportionate-share mitigation must be set aside and not spent if an improvement has not been identified, etc. CA 01/25/2022 Fav/CS ED 02/01/2022 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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4	SB 896 Burgess (Similar CS/H 573)	Educator Certification Pathways for Veterans; Expanding eligibility to seek educator certification to specified military servicemembers who have completed a specified education requirement; authorizing the Department of Education to issue a temporary certificate to specified military servicemembers who have completed a specified education requirement; specifying the duration of a temporary certificate for specified military servicemembers, etc. MS 01/11/2022 Favorable ED 02/01/2022 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
5	SB 1068 Jones (Identical H 155)	Certificates of Completion; Providing that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in workforce education programs; providing that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in workforce education programs; requiring charter technical career centers to identify such programs; requiring that students be advised of specified educational options before being awarded a certificate of completion, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Favorable CM RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
6	SB 1126 Harrell (Similar H 243)	Exemption from Taxation for Educational Properties; Exempting from taxation property used by an educational institution that holds a leasehold interest in certain leases exceeding a specified number of years, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Favorable FT AP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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7	SB 1226 Brandes (Identical H 1533)	Virtual Learning; Revising the purpose of the Florida Virtual School to provide for the development and delivery of blended learning; requiring the Florida Virtual School to give priority to students enrolled in certain Department of Corrections education programs; specifying conditions under which the Florida Virtual School may be funded through the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring students enrolled in the Florida Virtual School Justice Education Program to take specified examinations and assessments at institutions or facilities operated by, or under the supervision of, the Department of Corrections; requiring the Florida Virtual School to establish the Florida Virtual School Justice Education Program, beginning with a specified school year, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
8	SB 1240 Harrell (Identical H 899)	Mental Health of Students; Revising data the Department of Children and Families is required to analyze when creating its annual report on the initiation of certain involuntary examinations; requiring charter schools to be in compliance with laws relating to reporting involuntary examinations; requiring the Department of Education, by a specified date, to share with the Department of Children and Families data received from school districts relating to involuntary examinations; revising requirements for plans relating to mental health assistance allocations, etc. CF 01/18/2022 Favorable ED 02/01/2022 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
9	SB 1284 Gruters (Similar CS/H 823)	Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program; Expanding eligibility for the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program to certain students accepted at a competency-based, nonprofit virtual postsecondary institution that meets specified criteria, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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10	SB 1386 Diaz (Compare CS/H 1505, CS/S 1830)	Background Screenings for School Personnel; Requiring each employing entity that employs instructional and noninstructional personnel who have direct contact with students to submit certain individuals' fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement; providing that an employing entity has the sole authority for determining the employment eligibility of certain personnel; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to report the results from background screenings to the employing entity, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
11	SB 1404 Jones (Similar H 941)	School Counselors; Citing this act as the "School Counselors Supporting Students Act"; requiring certified school counselors to provide services within the context of a program developed by the Department of Education using a specified framework; prohibiting certified school counselors from performing certain tasks, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Favorable CF RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
12	SB 1690 Diaz (Identical H 1347)	Charter School Revolving Loan Program; Establishing the program for a specified purpose; providing that funding for the program shall consist of specified funds; requiring the Department of Education to contract with a third-party administrator to administer the program; requiring all loan documents to include specified language and be expressly agreed to by the third-party administrator and loan recipients; requiring the third-party administrator to electronically provide copies of certain loan documents to the department; requiring all repayments of principal and interest to be returned to the loan fund and made available for loans to other applicants, etc. ED 02/01/2022 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 2

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