

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION PRE-K -12
Senator Simon, Chair
Senator Burgess, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

TIME: 8:30—10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Simon, Chair; Senator Burgess, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Calatayud, Collins, Grall, Hutson, Jones, Osgood, Perry, and Yarborough

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 460 Simon (Similar H 917, Compare H 483, H 553, S 1688, CS/S 7000)	Career and Technical Education; Providing an exemption for minors to work in specified conditions; revising the requirements for an annual career fair to include allowing certain employers to meet with students regarding career and technical education; revising the requirements for certain courses to receive the same rate as honors courses for purposes of student grade point averages; revising the qualifications for specified teachers of career programs, etc. ED 01/17/2024 Fav/CS AED FP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 2
2	SB 820 Grall (Similar H 635)	Child Care and Early Learning Providers; Providing an exemption for public and private preschools from specified special assessments levied by a municipality; defining the term "preschool"; authorizing the use of credits against certain taxes beginning on a specified date; providing a limitation on such credits; requiring repayment of tax credits under certain conditions and using a specified formula; revising licensing standards for all licensed child care facilities and minimum standards and training requirements for child care personnel, etc. ED 01/17/2024 Fav/CS FT AP	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0

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3	SB 916 Calatayud (Identical H 929)	School Readiness Program; Revising requirements for the sliding fee scale for families receiving school readiness program services to include a new method to calculate parent copayments at the time of eligibility determination and annually thereafter, regardless of the number of children; revising requirements for the data elements that must be collected and reported by the Department of Education; revising the method for determining the annual allocation for the school readiness program; deleting a provision relating to certain expenditures from the Gold Seal Quality Care Program allocation, etc. ED 01/17/2024 Favorable AED FP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
4	SB 1026 Grall (Identical H 1353)	Early Learning; Revising requirements for prekindergarten instructors; prohibiting private prekindergarten provider and public school curricula from using a coordinated screening and progress monitoring program or other specified methods for direct student instruction; revising the percentage of funds an early learning coalition may retain and expend; providing that certain Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program students are eligible to receive instructional support in early literacy skills through a specified program, etc. ED 01/17/2024 Fav/CS AED FP	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0
5	SB 1356 Calatayud (Compare H 1473)	School Safety; Authorizing sheriffs to waive certain requirements for school guardian candidates under certain conditions; requiring school principals to ensure that instruction is provided at least annually to students on the use of the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool; requiring superintendents to notify, within a specified timeframe, the chief of police or the public safety director of a postsecondary institution in which a student is dual enrolled if such student commits certain offenses, etc. ED 01/17/2024 Favorable CJ RC	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0

Consideration of proposed bill:

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6	SPB 7038	Education; Revising eligibility requirements for a New Worlds Scholarship Account; requiring each school district and prekindergarten provider to notify the parent of each eligible student of the process to request and receive a scholarship when providing certain screening and progress monitoring results; renaming the New Worlds Reading Initiative as the New Worlds Learning Initiative; expanding the initiative to include improvement in mathematics skills, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 11 Nays 0

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