

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

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

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 31, 2025
TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Simon, Chair; Senator Calatayud, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Burgess, Collins, Davis, Gaetz, Osgood, and Yarborough

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 8 Simon (Identical H 6507)	Relief of Marcus Button by the Pasco County School Board; Providing for the relief of Marcus Button by the Pasco County School Board; providing an appropriation to compensate Marcus Button for harms and losses he sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County School Board; providing an appropriation to Robin Button, as the surviving parent and natural guardian of Marcus Button, for harms and losses sustained as a result of the injury to her child, Marcus Button; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees, etc. SM JU 03/19/2025 Favorable ED 03/25/2025 Not Considered ED 03/31/2025 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 1
2	SB 444 Avila (Identical H 1237)	Human Trafficking Awareness; Requiring public schools to designate a member of the administrative personnel to provide annual training regarding human trafficking awareness to specified employees; requiring employees who receive such training to submit an acknowledgment to the school; requiring schools to keep the acknowledgments filed electronically, etc. ED 03/31/2025 Favorable AED RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
3	SB 540 Collins (Similar CS/H 447)	Disability History and Awareness Instruction; Citing this act as the "Evin B. Hartsell Act"; requiring, rather than authorizing, disability history and awareness instruction; requiring that disability history and awareness instruction include specified material; authorizing a district school board to consult with the Evin B. Hartsell Foundation to further develop material, etc. ED 03/31/2025 Fav/CS AED RC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0

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4	SB 742 Simon (Similar CS/H 1145, Compare CS/S 140)	Workforce Development; Providing that the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program includes charter schools; revising the number of workforce education programs that each school district and Florida College System institution must offer a money-back guarantee on, etc. ED 03/25/2025 Not Considered ED 03/31/2025 Fav/CS AHE FP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
5	SB 822 Rodriguez (Similar CS/H 443)	Education; Providing requirements for specified deadlines for charter schools; authorizing a charter school to assign its charter to another governing board under certain circumstances; revising which facilities and land are exempt from specified ad valorem taxes; authorizing high-performing charter schools to assume the charters of certain charter schools; requiring school districts to take specified actions before the disposal of real property, etc. ED 03/31/2025 Fav/CS AED RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 1
6	SB 1150 Calatayud (Similar H 809)	School Social Workers; Providing that persons employed as school social workers are exempt from teacher certification requirements; providing an exception, etc. ED 03/31/2025 Fav/CS CF RC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
7	SB 1296 Burgess	Use of Wireless Communications Devices in Schools; Requiring the Commissioner of Education to coordinate with school districts selected by the Department of Education to implement a policy for a specified school year prohibiting the use of cell phones while on school grounds or engaged in certain activities off school grounds; requiring the department to provide a report to the Legislature before a specified date; providing requirements for the report, etc. ED 03/31/2025 Favorable CF RC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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8	SB 1590 Burgess	Educator Preparation; Establishing the Task Force for Educator Preparation; requiring the Department of Education to provide administrative support for the task force; providing the duties of the task force; providing for expiration of the task force, etc. ED 03/31/2025 Favorable AED FP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
9	CS/SB 1692 Criminal Justice / McClain (Similar H 1539)	Material that is Harmful to Minors; Defining the term "harmful to minors"; revising the list of materials used in a classroom which are subject to the objection process by parents or residents, etc. CJ 03/18/2025 Fav/CS ED 03/31/2025 Temporarily Postponed RC	Temporarily Postponed
10	SB 1702 Burgess (Compare CS/H 1115)	Education; Requiring a charter school sponsor to use a standard monitoring tool to monitor and review a charter school; providing that a hope operator must submit a notice of intent to open a school of hope to the sponsoring entity, rather than the school district; requiring the sponsoring entity, rather than the school district, to enter into a performance-based agreement with a hope operator, etc. ED 03/25/2025 Not Considered ED 03/31/2025 Fav/CS AED RC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 2
11	SB 1708 Calatayud (Similar CS/H 1267)	Education; Providing that specified provisions relating to facilities apply to schools of hope of distinction; revising and providing definitions; providing that schools of hope of distinction have the right to locate or co-locate with other public schools in certain facilities beginning on a specified date; requiring the Department of Education to selectively audit specified surveys from school districts and Florida College System institutions, etc. ED 03/31/2025 Fav/CS AED RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 1

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Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.

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Board of Directors, Florida High School Athletic Association			
12	Chambers, Marcus D. (Niceville)	08/21/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
State Board of Education			
13	Foganholi, Daniel P. (Coral Springs)	12/31/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 3
Education Practices Commission			
14	Murphy, Sallie (Quincy)	09/30/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
15	Wintz, Charlotte (Jacksonville)	09/30/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
16	Thaxton, Jennifer (Crawfordville)	09/30/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
17	Stanley, Joseph ()	09/30/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
18	Sheehan, Jamie Harper (Tallahassee)	02/17/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Commission for Independent Education			
19	Battista, Joseph (Lake Mary)	06/30/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
20	Williams, Burton III (Bradenton)	06/30/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
21	Cross, Jeff (Orlando)	06/30/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0

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Other Related Meeting Documents			