

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION PRE-K - 12

Senator Simon, Chair

Senator Calatayud, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

TIME: 3:30—5:30 p.m.

PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

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

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 564 Yarborough (Similar CS/H 461)	<p>Student Volunteers at Polling Locations; Providing that specified high school students who volunteer to assist poll workers are not subject to provisions prohibiting certain agencies and state and local officials from soliciting, accepting, or otherwise using private funds or certain personal services for election-related expenses, etc.</p> <p>EE 01/13/2026 Favorable ED 01/27/2026 Fav/CS RC</p>	Fav/CS Yea 6 Nays 0
2	SB 1062 Brodeur (Similar H 1059)	<p>Speech and Debate; Citing this act as the "Florida Speech and Debate Education Act"; creating the Florida Speech and Debate Hall of Fame; designating Florida Speech and Debate Week each year in November; designating the Florida Debate Initiative, Inc., (FDI) as the official statewide speech and debate organization; authorizing a certified teacher to earn an endorsement in speech and debate; requiring the Florida Virtual School to establish the Institute for Speech and Debate Innovation, etc.</p> <p>ED 01/27/2026 Fav/CS AED FP</p>	Fav/CS Yea 6 Nays 0
3	SB 1340 Harrell	<p>Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring; Specifying requirements for a school district if a student exhibits characteristics of dyslexia or dyscalculia; providing circumstances under which a student is required to undergo further screening for dyslexia or dyscalculia, etc.</p> <p>ED 01/27/2026 Favorable AHS RC</p>	Favorable Yea 5 Nays 0

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4	SB 1646 Simon (Compare H 1321)	Educational Facilities; Revising the formula to calculate funds for remodeling, renovation, maintenance, repairs, and site improvement of existing facilities; requiring a board to prioritize a specified amount of funds to correct unsafe, unhealthy, or unsanitary conditions; requiring the Department of Education to participate in a design review process; authorizing a district school board to enter into a contingency construction contract, etc. ED 01/27/2026 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yea 6 Nays 0
5	SB 1718 Calatayud (Similar H 561)	Educator Preparation and Certification; Authorizing an educator preparation institute to allow certain program participants to enroll in introductory coursework; revising the criteria for the award of a temporary educator certification to include certain persons with expired professional certificates; requiring that subject area coverages and endorsements for a certificateholder be reinstated with the certificateholder's professional certificate; requiring the Florida Center for Teaching Excellence to collaborate with the David C. Anchin Center for the Advancement of Teaching for specified purposes, etc. ED 01/27/2026 Favorable AED RC	Favorable Yea 6 Nays 0

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.			
State Board of Education			
6	Collins, Layla ()	12/31/2028	Recommend Confirm Yea 5 Nays 0

Other Related Meeting Documents