

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

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

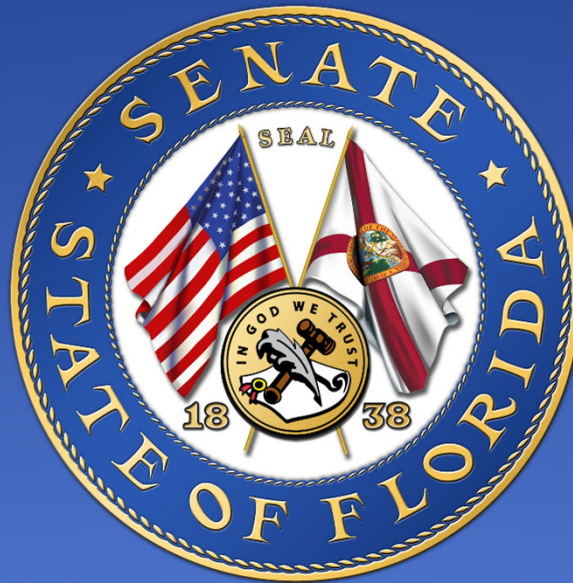
MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 4, 2023
TIME: 10:30—11:30 a.m.
PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

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

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Overview of Pre-K - 12 Education and Committee Jurisdiction		Presented

Other Related Meeting Documents

Overview of Pre-K – 12 Education in Florida



Committee on Pre-K – 12 Education
January 4, 2023

Governance

State Board of Education

Art. IX, s. 2, Fla. Const.; ss. 20.15 and 1001.01, F.S.

Commissioner of Education

Secs. 20.15 and 1001.10, F.S.

Department of Education

Secs. 20.15 and 1001.20, F.S.

District School Board*

Art. IX, s. 4, Fla. Const.;
ss. 1001.32 and 1001.41, F.S.

Superintendent

Art. IX, s. 5, Fla. Const.;
ss. 1001.32 and 1001.49, F.S.

School Principal

Secs. 1001.32 and 1001.54, F.S.

*CS/HB 1467 (2022) establishes 12-year term limits for school board members

CS/CS/SB 758 (2022) authorizes a member of the Legislature to visit any public school in the district

Early Learning

School Readiness*

Provides financial assistance to help children from low-income families receive high-quality childcare and education so their parents can work or participate in job training

Voluntary Prekindergarten**

Provides free prekindergarten for all 4-year-olds regardless of family income, and prepares early learners for success in kindergarten

*SB 2524 (2022) revises the methodology for allocating SR funds to ELCs and for distribution to providers

**CS/CS/HB 419 (2021) and CS/HB 7011 (2021) requires, beginning in 2022-2023, VPK providers to participate in coordinated screening and progress monitoring system, and provides for VPK performance score

K-12 Public Schools

Student Progression

Kindergarten

- Not required
- All children age 6 required to attend school

4th Grade Promotion

- Score level 2 on grade 3 ELA or promotion for good cause

Middle School Progression

- 3 credits each in core courses
- Career and education planning
- Civics EOC

High School Graduation

- 5 graduation options (24 credit*; IB, AICE; ACCEL, CTE)
- Pass grade 10 ELA and Alg. I EOC

*SB 1054 (2022) requires, starting with students in grade 9 in 2023-2024, students to complete one-half credit in personal financial literacy
CS/HB 395 (2022) requires students in 2023-2024 and thereafter to receive instruction on "Victims of Communism Day" in a US Government class

Academic Standards – Instructional Materials – Assessments

State Academic Standards

Core content knowledge and skills in ELA, math, science, social studies, visual/performing arts, PE, health, foreign language

Instructional Materials

District school board responsibility

State-level and district-level* adoption process

Assessments**

Statewide standardized comprehensive assessments***

ELA, math, science

End-of-Course Assessments

Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I, US History, Civics

*CS/HB 1467 (2022) expands requirements for school district instructional materials adoption process

**SB 2524 (2022) requires the DOE to collect information on testing time for state- and district-required assessments in K-5

***SB 1048 (2022) establishes a statewide coordinated screening and progress monitoring assessment system

School Grades and School Improvement

School Grades*

Achievement (ELA, math, science, social studies) | Learning Gains (ELA, math)
Graduation Rate (HS) | Acceleration (MS and HS)

School Improvement

Levels of Support (Tier 1-3)

1. Single “D”**
2. Single “F” or second “D” (requires district management turnaround)
3. One cycle of turnaround with “D” or “F” (requires state-defined turnaround)

Benefits

School Recognition Funds
Schools of Excellence
Academically High-Performing School Districts
Principal Autonomy Program Initiative

*SB 2524 (2022) requires the SBE to review school grading scale and adjust upward if 75% of schools earn “A” or “B”

**SB 2524 (2022) authorizes a school district to submit a turnaround plan after a single “D” grade

School Choice Options

Traditional
Public
Schools

Charter
Schools **

Lab Schools

Magnet
Schools

Controlled Open
Enrollment*

Private
Schools

Home
Education

Private
Tutoring

Virtual
Instruction***

*SB 2524 (2022) requires school districts and charter schools to update capacity on website every 12 weeks

**CS/CS/SB 1028 (2021) authorizes Florida College System institutions and state universities to sponsor charter schools; CS/CS/SB 758 creates the Charter School Review Commission; and CS/HB 225 (2022) provides a timeline by which charter schools must be notified of non-renewal of a charter contract

***HB 5101 (2021) and SB 2524 (2022) specify enrollment limits for virtual education students from out of district

K-12 State Scholarships

Program	Use
Family Empowerment Scholarship*	EO: Private school or transportation to a public school UA: Education savings account
Florida Tax Credit Scholarship	Private school tuition or transportation to a public school
Hope Scholarship	Private school tuition or transportation to public school outside district
Opportunity Scholarship	Higher performing public school
New Worlds Reading Scholarship Accounts**	Curriculum, fees for tutoring, summer and after-school programs in literacy

*CS/HB 7045 (2021) expands eligibility for an FES, and merges in the Gardiner and McKay scholarship programs; and CS/HB 3 (2022) adds dependent children of law enforcement to FES eligibility

**SB 2524 (2022) expands reading scholarship accounts from grades 3-5 to grades K-5

Acceleration Programs



*SB 2524 (2022) specifies that dual enrollment instructional materials are free-of-charge to all participating students, and CS/CS/SB 52 establishes the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program to provide funds to postsecondary institutions for specified dual enrollment students

Career and Technical Education

Career and Technical Education*

- Certificate Programs
- Career Academies
- Career-themed Courses
- Industry Certifications

Adult Education

- Literacy
- GED
- ESOL
- Diploma Programs

Apprenticeship

- Industry Sponsored
- Combines training and on-the-job training

Continuing Workforce Education

- License renewal or skill upgrades

*CS/CS/CS/HB 1507 (2021) charges the Labor Market Estimating Conference as the entity responsible for determining Florida's real-time supply and demand in the labor market, and:

- Establishes a Credentials Review Committee to identify credentials of value and develop a Master Credentials List for performance funding
- Creates a new workforce performance funding model for school district and FCS institution workforce programs, with one-third based on rewarding student job placement and two-thirds based on student earnings

Supports for Special Populations

Exceptional Student Education

- **Students with Disabilities***
 - Students between ages 3-21
 - Development of Individual Education Plan (IEP)**
- **Gifted Students**
 - Children with superior intellectual development capable of high performance
 - Development of Educational Plan (EP)

English Language Learners

- Basic ESOL instruction
- ESOL/home language instruction in subject areas

*CS/HB 173 (2022) specifies responsibilities for public schools in the care of students with epilepsy or seizure disorders; CS/HB 235 (2022) prohibits the use of mechanical restraints except for school safety officers; and SB 236 (2022) expands the definition of a developmental delay to include student up to age 9

**CS/CS/HB 173 (2021) revises timelines for the IEP team to identify transition services

School and Student Safety

- Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission
- DOE Office of Safe Schools
- Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program
- FortifyFL mobile suspicious activity reporting tool
- Mental health services and allocation
- Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT)
- Behavior threat assessment teams and tool
- Family reunification plans
- School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
- Alyssa's Alert

CS/CS/CS/HB 1421 (2022) provides requirements relating to family reunification plans, emergency drills, and mental health training

CS/HB 899 (2022) requires school districts to designate a mental health coordinator

CS/CS/HB 131 (2022) requires the DOE to maintain a list of persons disqualified from employment in a school

SB 2524 (2022) requires public and private schools to use the AHCA Clearinghouse for background screenings

CS/CS/HB 1557 (2022) requires school districts to adopt procedures for notifying a parent if there is a change in a student's services or monitoring related to mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being

Classroom Teachers

Preparation*

- Initial teacher preparation programs | Educator Preparation Institutes | District professional development certification and competency programs

Certification

- Professional Certificate** – basic eligibility, bachelor’s degree, and demonstration of master of subject area and general knowledge and professional preparation and education competence. Five year renewable.
- Temporary Certificate*** – basic eligibility, bachelor’s degree, and demonstration of subject area knowledge. Three-year nonrenewable.

*CS/HB 7011 (2021) requires students in certain teacher preparation programs to earn a reading endorsement

**CS/HB 1159 (2021) authorizes mastery of General Knowledge via a master’s degree and satisfaction of professional competence via an EPI

***CS/SB 896 (2022) provides an alternative pathway to certification for qualifying veterans

Classroom Teachers

Employment

- Types of Contracts: Probationary (2011-present); Annual (2011-present); Professional Service (1984 – 2011); Continuing (pre 1984)

Salaries*

- Performance Salary Schedule (2014-present) and Grandfathered Salary Schedule (pre-2014)

Evaluation**

- Composed of one-third each: student performance (VAM optional), instructional practice, and district determined

*HB 641 (2020) creates the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation; HB 5101 (2022) specifies increases to salary under performance schedule must be greater than under grandfathered schedule; and SB 2524 (2022) requires longevity bonuses under grandfathered schedule must be included in the total calculation salary increases under the performance schedule

**SB 2524 (2022) specifies that procedures for evaluation are not subject to collective bargaining

Transportation

Required Transportation

- Students in prekindergarten disability programs
- Students with disabilities requiring specialized transportation
- Students in grades K-6 subjected to hazardous walking conditions
- Pregnant students or student parents

Optional Transportation

- Students in grades 7-12 subjected to hazardous walking conditions
- CTE or dual enrollment students transported between schools
- Students utilizing controlled open enrollment
- Students attending events or activities

Extracurricular Activities

Students must meet GPA and conduct requirements to participate in extracurricular activities

Florida High School Athletic Association

<p>Board of Directors</p> <p>Representative Assembly considers changes to bylaws</p> <p>Public Liaison Committee receives public comment and evaluates the FHSAA</p>	<p>Bylaws establish rules for contests, eligibility, compliance, student health, background screening</p>	<p>All high schools, virtual schools and home education cooperatives may join, or may join another association</p> <p>Students in choice programs may participate at public schools under certain circumstances</p>
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CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: KB 412

Case No.: -

Type:

Caption: Education Pre-K-12 Committee

Judge:

Started: 1/4/2023 10:31:55 AM

Ends: 1/4/2023 11:20:33 AM

Length: 00:48:39

10:31:53 AM Meeting called to order
10:32:16 AM Roll Call
10:32:45 AM Comments by Chair Simon
10:33:35 AM Staff Introductions by Chair Simon
10:34:00 AM Review of Committee Jurisdiction
10:34:15 AM Tab 1 - Overview of Pre-K - 12 Education and Committee Jurisdiction (Matt Bouck, Staff Director)
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11:13:01 AM Questions by Senator Osgood
11:14:08 AM Matt Bouck
11:15:18 AM Senator Osgood
11:15:47 AM Chair Simon
11:16:46 AM Question by Senator Grall
11:17:00 AM Matt Bouck
11:17:27 AM Questions by Senator Yarborough
11:17:44 AM Matt Bouck
11:18:48 AM Senator Yarborough
11:18:58 AM Matt Bouck
11:19:28 AM Chair Simon
11:19:49 AM Senator Burgess moves to adjourn



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The Honorable, Corey Simon

Chair, Committee on Education Pre-K -12

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Dear Chair Simon,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12 meeting scheduled for today, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, as my flight from Washington, D.C. was cancelled unexpectedly.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If I may be of assistance to answer questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shev".

Shevrin Jones

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