

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1377 CS

District School Boards

**SPONSOR(S):** Arza

**TIED BILLS:**

**IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 2748

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) PreK-12 Committee	9 Y, 0 N, w/CS	Beagle	Mizereck
2) Education Appropriations Committee			
3) Education Council			
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5) _____	_____	_____	_____

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

House bill 1377 includes several provisions impacting district school boards in the areas of student dress codes, selection of class ring vendors, senior photographs, and student transportation. The bill requires St. Thomas Aquinas High School to play Chaminade-Madonna High School in football.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2006.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

**Provides Limited Government--** The bill places certain requirements on district school boards' selection of class ring vendors.

**Safeguard Individual Liberty--** The bill requires districts to provide information so that students know they may purchase class rings or senior yearbook photos from vendors not under contract with the school district. The bill allows students to wear sun-protective clothing while outside during the school day.

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

##### **Dress Codes and Sun-Protective Clothing**

Section 1001.43, F.S. grants district school boards authority to adopt dress codes and school uniform policies. House bill 1377 specifically allows students to wear sun-protective clothing while outside during school hours.

##### **Class Ring Vendors**

Florida law grants local district school boards authority to control K-12 education operations in the district. Educational curricula, facilities operation and maintenance, student discipline and attendance policies, transportation, reporting and record keeping are among the duties prescribed to district school boards in statute.<sup>1</sup>

The bill establishes criteria that district school boards must follow in selecting vendors to market class rings. The bill requires that the selected vendor may not intimidate students and that students be allowed to purchase class rings from any vendor and participate in class ring ceremonies regardless of their choice of class ring vendor. The bill requires district school boards to provide written notification to students and parents that students may purchase a class ring through any vendor, regardless of the district's contractual arrangements.

##### **Senior Yearbook Photographs**

The bill also requires school districts that contract with a photographer for the purpose of taking student yearbook photos to allow student senior photos to appear in the school yearbook regardless of the student's choice of photographer.

##### **Student Transportation**

Florida law governing student transportation limits the types of vehicles that may be used to transport students.<sup>2</sup> Subject to limited exceptions, students must be transported on school buses. Currently, students may not be transported to school related activities in school or school district owned passenger vehicles or light trucks. This has caused particular disruptions to agricultural education programs.

The bill specifies that school or school district owned passenger vehicles or light trucks may be used to transport students to and from school sites or agricultural education related events or competitions. The bill also allows students to drive the vehicle on school or private property for limited purposes relating to the agricultural education curriculum.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1003.02, F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 1006.22, F.S.

### **High School Football**

The bill requires St. Thomas Aquinas High School to play Chaminade-Madonna High School in football.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

#### **C. SECTION DIRECTORY:**

Section 1. Amends s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing that students may wear sun protective clothing while outside during school hours.

Section 2. Amends s. 1003.02, F.S.; providing certain requirements pertaining to class ring vendors and yearbook photographs.

Section 3. Amends s. 1006.22, F.S.; providing an exception to student transportation requirements.

Section 4. Creates an unnumbered section of law; requiring St. Thomas Aquinas High School to play Chaminade-Madonna High School in football.

Section 5. Providing an effective date of July 1, 2006.

## **II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

#### **A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:**

##### **1. Revenues:**

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state government revenues.

##### **2. Expenditures:**

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state government expenditures.

#### **B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

##### **1. Revenues:**

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government revenues.

##### **2. Expenditures:**

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government expenditures.

#### **C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:**

This bill may increase the number of students choosing to buy class rings or senior photos from vendors not under contract with the district school board.

#### **D. FISCAL COMMENTS:**

None.

## **III. COMMENTS**

#### **A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:**

##### **1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:**

The bill does not require a city or county to spend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

#### **IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES**

On March 21, 2006 the PreK-12 committee adopted a strike-all amendment and one amendment to the strike-all. This bill analysis reflects the bill as amended.