

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/HB 1255 (CS/CS/SB 1696)

INTRODUCER: Education Committee; K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee; and Rep. Adkins
(Budget Subcommittee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, Education Pre-K
– 12, and Senator Wise)

SUBJECT: Education

DATE: May 6, 2011

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 643243 to Senate Amendment 287776 (body)

House Amendment 2 – 510789 to Senate Amendment 287776 (body with title)

House Amendment 3 – 816693 to Senate Amendment 287776 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 removes provisions that require Options, Inc. to serve as the accrediting body for schools authorized to serve students with an assistive hearing device or implant and for such schools to employ a majority of faculty certified as specialists by the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language.

House Amendment 2 removes provisions that require assurances that a district-selected uniform assessment to be used by SES providers will uniformly measure student learning gains and can be used to fairly award provider performance designations. The amendment also eliminates a cap on fees charged to the SES provider by a third-party assessment (district-selected).

House Amendment 3 extends by one year (to the 2012-2013 SY) the timeframe provided to the Department of Education to revise the matrix of services to students with disabilities. The matrix serves as the basis of funding levels and cost factors.