

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Education Pre-K - 12 Committee; and Senator Jones

SUBJECT: School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program

DATE: March 11, 2026

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 696291** (body with title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 696291** maintains from the bill the establishment of the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program, and also adds provisions related to cursive writing and patriotic displays. Specifically, the amendment:

- Requires each public school to provide cursive writing instruction in grades 2 through 5, including forming cursive letters and writing words and sentences.
- Requires each student to demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing cursive by the end of grade 5 through a written evaluation.
- Requires each district school board, subject to legislative appropriation, to adopt rules requiring the display of portraits of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in a conspicuous place at each public school in the district.
- Requires the Department of Education to select the portraits and make them available to each school district.

The amendment changes the title of the bill to “An act relating to Education.”