

## **General Information**

This report contains pertinent information presented and discussed during the fourth interim committee week of the 2019 legislative session. Both the House and Senate held meetings in both chambers, which consisted of presentations on Governor DeSantis' Legislative Budget that was heard in various Appropriations Committees.

To view the [Governor's total recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2019-20](#), please click the highlighted web link.

## **House**

### **House Education Committee**

The House Education Committee requested that a panel of selected districts present on Career Pathways to discuss the uniqueness of the Career and Technical program in each district.

The panel consist of the following:

- Dr. Mike Grego, Superintendent representing Pinellas County Public Schools
- Dr. Michelle L. Taylor representing Escambia County Public Schools
- Jodie Rolston Cary representing Orange County Public Schools
- Dr. Jason Wysong representing Seminole County Public Schools
- Martha Compton representing Washington County Public Schools
- Robert Crawford and Enid Valdez representing Broward County Public Schools

To view the [Career and Technical PowerPoint](#) from each listed district, please click the highlighted web link.

### **House PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee Committee**

The House PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee Committee met held a panel discussion on Community Partnership Schools.

The panel consist of the following:

- Melanie Rodriguez, UCF Center for Community Schools
  - *Discussed the Community Partnership Schools Model*
- Rolando Bailey, Evans High School Principal
  - *Evans High School Impact Overview*
- Jarvis Wheeler, Children's Home Society of Florida
  - *The Challenge and Successes*
- Timothy Only, Evans High School Graduate
  - *Personal Story and Impact*

To view the [Community Partnership Schools presentation](#), please click the highlighted web link.

### **House PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee**

#### **HB 229 by Rep. Sabatini related to a Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board.**

The joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution that, if approved by the voters at the November 3, 2020, general election, will prohibit a school board member from appearing on a ballot for reelection if, by the end of his or current term of office, the member will have served, or but for resignation would have served, in the that office for eight consecutive years. This proposal is similar to the term limits placed on elected state officials. The proposed

limitation would apply only to terms of office beginning on or after November 3, 2020, and are prospective, so that school board members reelected to a consecutive term in 2020 could serve another consecutive eight years before reaching the term limit.

The bill passed the House PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee favorably.

**PCB PKA 19-01 by House PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee related to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.**

The bill reenacts the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact). The purpose of the Compact is to enable member states to uniformly address educational transition issues faced by military families. The Compact governs member states in several areas, including school placement, enrollment, records transfer and graduation for children of active-duty military families. All 50 states and the District of Columbia are Compact members.

The Compact establishes an Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Commission) to provide national-level oversight of the Compact. The Commission is comprised of one voting representative, or Compact Commissioner, from each member state. Among other things, the Commission may adopt and enforce compact rules which govern member states in the areas addressed by the Compact. Compact rules supersede conflicting member state laws to the extent necessary to accomplish the purposes of the compact.

The bill passed the House PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee favorably. There is a compassion bill, SB 212 by Sen. Wright that passed the Senate Military and Veteran Affairs and Space Committee favorably.

## **Senate**

### **Senate Education Committee**

**SB 114 by Sen. Hutson related to High School Graduation Requirements / Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act.**

SB 114 specifies financial literacy standards and instruction for students entering grade 9 in the 2019-2020 school year and thereafter.

Specifically, the bill revises:

- The Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to establish requirements for financial literacy distinct from the existing financial literacy requirements specified under the economics curricular content within the standards for social studies; and
- The requirements for a student to earn a standard high school diploma to:
  - Establish a separate one-half credit requirement in personal financial literacy and specify related instruction.
  - Reduce the number of required elective credits from eight to seven and one-half.

Curricular content for financial literacy includes the knowledge, understanding, skills, behaviors, attitudes, and values to enable a student to make responsible and effective financial decisions on a daily basis. Financial literacy instruction must be an integral part of instruction throughout the entire economics course and include information regarding:

- Types of bank accounts offered, opening and managing a bank account, and assessing the quality of a depository institution's services.

- Balancing a checkbook.
- Basic principles of money management, such as spending, credit, credit scores, and managing debt, including retail and credit card debt.
- Completing a loan application.
- Receiving an inheritance and related implications.
- Basic principles of personal insurance policies.
- Computing federal income taxes.
- Local tax assessments
- Computing interest rates by various mechanisms.
- Simple contracts.
- Contesting an incorrect billing statement.
- Types of savings and investment.
- State and federal laws concerning finance.

The bill designates the act as the “Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act.”

The bill also reduces the current number of elective credits required to earn a standard high school diploma from eight to seven and one-half. As such, the bill maintains the total number of credits at 24, which students must successfully complete to earn a standard high school diploma.

The bill passed the Senate Education Committee favorably.

**SB 120 by Sen. Perry related to Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program.**

The legislature established the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program (pilot program) in 2017, for three years, to assist certain school districts in implementing comprehensive music education programs in kindergarten through grade 2, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

The bill extends the scheduled expiration date for the Early Childhood Music Education Pilot program to June 30, 2022, rather than 2020.

The bill passed the Senate Education Committee favorably.

**Senate Government Oversight and Accountability Committee**

**SB 7016 by Government Oversight and Accountability related to State-Administered Retirement System.**

SB 7016 establishes the contribution rates paid by employers participating in the Florida Retirement System (FRS) beginning July 1, 2019. These rates are intended to fund the full normal cost and the amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability of the FRS. With these modifications to employer contribution rates, the FRS Trust Fund will receive roughly \$123.3 million more in revenue on an annual basis beginning July 1, 2019. The public employers that will incur these additional costs are state agencies, state universities and colleges, school districts, counties, municipalities, and other governmental entities that participate in the FRS.

The following are the current employer contributions rates for each class and the blended rates recommended by the state actuary beginning in July 2018.

Membership Class	Current Rates Effective July 1, 2018		Recommended Rates to be effective July 1, 2019	
	Normal Cost	UAL Rate	Normal Cost	UAL Rate
Regular Class	3.04%	3.50%	3.19%	3.56%
Special Risk Class	12.18%	10.60%	12.53%	11.14%
Special Risk Admini. Support Class	3.64%	29.62%	3.61%	33.26%
Elected Officer's Class - County	8.50%	38.48%	8.73%	38.37%
Senior Management Services Class	4.45%	17.89%	4.60%	19.09%
Drop	4.41%	7.96%	4.68%	8.24%

The bill passed the Senate Government Oversight and Accountability Committee favorably.

**SB 7014 by Government Oversight and Accountability Committee related to Government Accountability.**

The bill amends various statutes to enhance government accountability and auditing processes based on recommendations noted in recent reports by the Auditor General. The bill authorizes the Governor or Commissioner of Education, or designee to notify the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee if an entity fails to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements.

The bill specifies that any person who willfully fails or refuses to provide access to an employee, officer, or agent under audit is subject to a penalty. It requires local governmental entities, charter schools, school districts, Florida College System institutions, and state universities to establish and maintain internal control designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse. The bill also provides definitions for the terms "abuse," "fraud," and "waste."

Furthermore, the bill revises the membership, and restrictions thereof, for an audit committee of a county, district school board, and charter school.

Lastly, it requires the completion of an annual financial audit of the Florida Virtual School and requires the Florida College System and Florida State University System to comply with statutory requirements regarding employee background screening.

The bill passed the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability favorably.

**Senate Judiciary Committee**

**SJR 362 by Sen. Brandes related to Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission.**

SJR 362 abolishes the Constitution Revision Commission by repealing provisions establishing it in the Florida Constitution. Currently, the Constitution requires that a Constitution Revision Commission be convened once every 20 years to examine the Constitution and propose any amendments that it deems appropriate.

As a joint resolution, this legislation must be agreed to by three-fifths of the membership of each house of the Legislature. Then, the constitutional amendment proposed in the resolution will be placed on the 2020 General Election ballot, and will take effect if approved by at least 60 percent of the votes cast on the measure.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee favorably.

Finally, please find attached the legislative summary of SB 7030 School Safety and Security, a PCB bill by the Senate Education committee.

I hope you find the information above helpful. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (407) 317-3200 ext. 2002966 or Eileen Fernandez, Associate General Counsel at (407) 317-3411 ext. 2002945.

The next interim committee meetings will be held on the week of February 11th.

Regards,

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