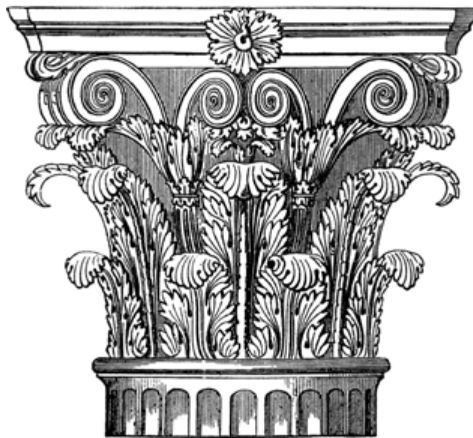




2020 Legislative Session Update

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Every Child ... Every Chance ... Every Day

District Mission Statement: *"Inspiring all learners to reach their highest potential as responsible, productive citizens"*

District Vision Statement: *"The School District of Osceola County will work in partnership with families and the community to ensure all learners develop the essential knowledge and skills to strengthen our thriving community."*

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Florida Legislature's Bill Passage History, 1998-Present

YEAR	FILED		PASSED FIRST CHAMBER		PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS		VETOED		PASSAGE RATE	
	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank
1998	2795	5	1039	1	554	1	17	6	19.2%	1
1999	2637	8	892	3	499	4	10	13	18.5%	2
2000	2761	6	875	4	500	2	7	17	17.9%	3
2001	2251	17	697	8	365	9	13	9	15.6%	6
2002	2427	15	792	6	404	6	15	7	16.0%	5
2003	2553	9	860	5	417	5	22	2	15.5%	7
2004	2691	7	908	2	500	2	22	2	17.8%	4
2005	2475	14	750	7	394	7	37	1	14.4%	11
2006	2480	12	679	10	386	8	14	8	15.0%	9
2007	2538	10	633	12	345	10	18	4	12.9%	15
2008	2503	11	680	9	313	11	10	13	12.1%	17
2009	2369	16	548	15	271	17	9	16	11.1%	19
2010	2477	13	651	11	301	12	18	4	11.4%	18
2011	2186	18	594	13	295	13	10	13	13.0%	14
2012	2052	19	588	14	292	14	12	10	13.6%	13
2013	1898	20	528	16	286	15	11	11	14.5%	10
2014	1880	21	493	18	264	18	1	23	14.0%	12
2015	1754	23	458	20	231	20	7	17	12.8%	16
2016	1815	22	447	21	279	16	3	20	15.2%	8
2017	3052	4	496	17	249	19	11	11	7.8%	20
2018	3192	3	462	19	200	22	2	22	6.2%	21
2019	3494	1	395	22	197	22	5	19	5.5%	23
2020	3518	1	412	22	210	21	4	20	5.9%	22
Change, 1998 to Present	723	N/A	-627	N/A	-344	N/A	-13	N/A	-13.4%	N/A
Average, 1998 to Present	2513	N/A	647	N/A	337	N/A	12	N/A	13.3%	N/A

SPAN OF YEARS	23
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"I heartily accept the motto — 'That government is best which governs least'; and I should like to see it acted up to more rapidly and systematically. Carried out, it finally amounts to this, which I also believe, — 'That government is best which governs not at all'; and when men are prepared for it, that will be the kind of government which they will have. Government is at best but an expedient; but most governments are usually, and all governments are sometimes, inexpedient."

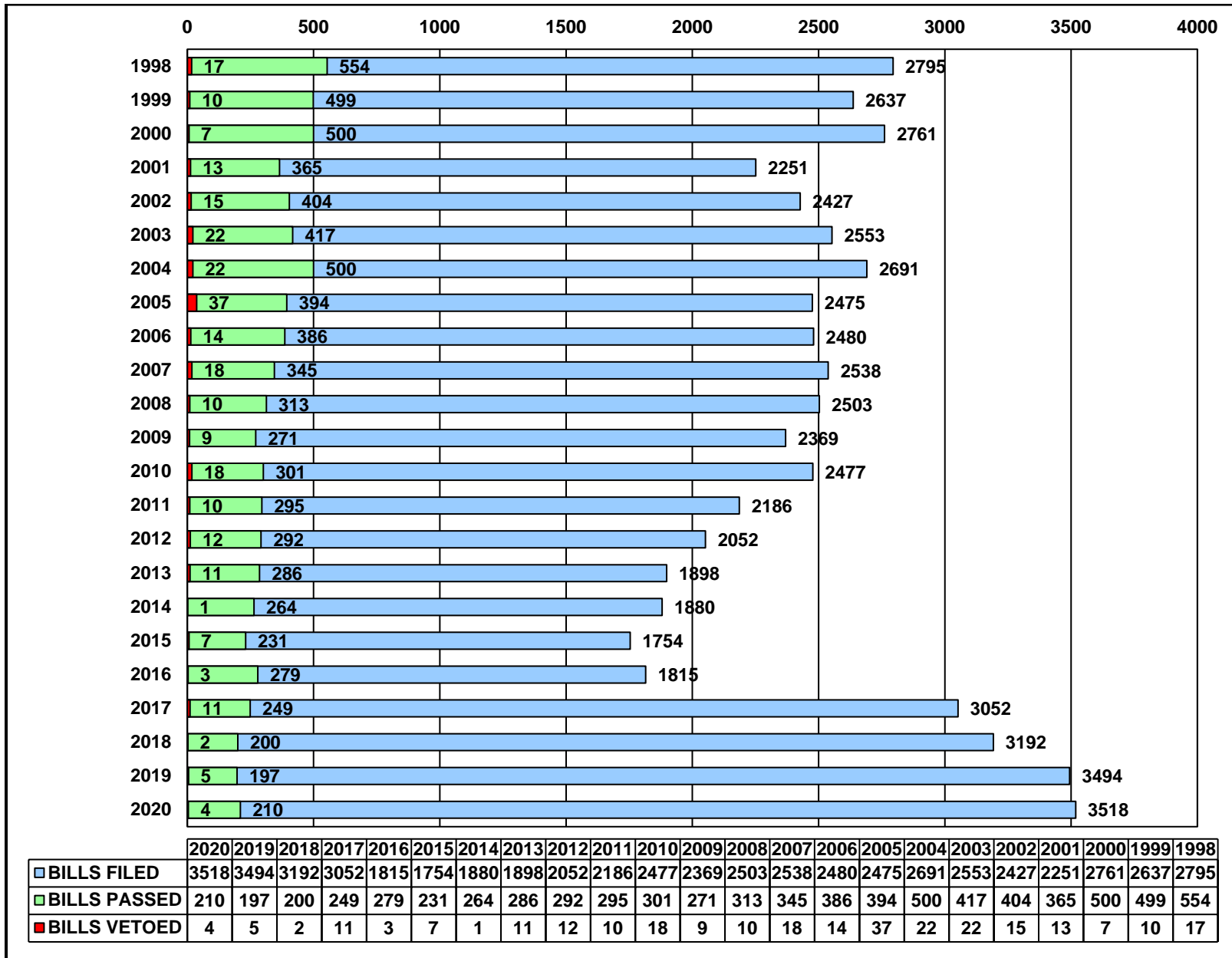
— Henry David Thoreau, Civil Disobedience

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Top State Policy Trends of 2019

[Source: Multi-State Top State Policy Trends of 2019, <https://www.multistate.us/insider/2019/12/19/top-state-policy-trends-of-2019>]

1. Applying the “ABC Test” on Independent Contractors

In 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom (D) signed controversial legislation (CA AB 5) to classify “gig-economy” workers, such as Uber and Lyft drivers, as employees rather than independent contractors. This policy enactment followed a California Supreme Court ruling that stipulated workers must be classified as a W-2 employee unless the worker can answer “yes” to all three parts of the “ABC Test.” During the 2019 session, eight states introduced legislation that would seek to adopt or modify existing laws on applying the “ABC Test” for independent contractors. Nevada also enacted legislation (NV SB 493) this session on independent contractors.

2. Sports Betting Legalization

The U.S. Supreme Court’s 2018 decision overturning the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) opened up sports wagering to states outside of Nevada. Nearly a dozen states were quick to the draw and legalized sports betting last year via legislation or regulations. This number expanded in 2019 as eight additional states enacted sports betting legalization. Lawmakers in Maine and Michigan passed sports betting legalization this year and are awaiting Governor Janet Mills (D) and Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D), respectively, to sign those bills before they can become law.

3. Paid Sick and Paid Family and Medical Leave Mandates

While two distinct employment policies, legislation mandating that private employers provide paid family and medical leave or paid sick leave to employees each saw significant action in states this year. Maine and Nevada became the 12th and 13th states, respectively, to enact a paid sick leave mandate on private-sector employers. But unlike other states that previously enacted paid sick leave laws, Maine and Nevada each mandated that employers provide paid leave for “any reason” rather than limiting mandated leave to just sickness.

Connecticut and Oregon continued the trend of states enacting paid family and medical leave mandates with the enactment of legislation in each state. Oregon’s legislation (OR HB 2005) that requires employers to provide employees up to 12 weeks of paid family leave is unique in that the law also requires low-income workers to be paid 100 percent of their wages while on leave. Meanwhile, Connecticut’s law (CT SB 1) implements a similar program that will give private-sector employees 12 weeks of paid family leave per year funded by a payroll tax on workers of 0.5 percent.

Elsewhere, however, legislative efforts to implement paid family and medical leave programs have been met with push back. Two New England Republican Governors, Chris Sununu of New Hampshire and Phil Scott of Vermont, were able to stop mandated paid family and medical leave programs after each state legislature failed to override their vetoes. Currently, eight states have enacted a paid family and medical leave program.

4. Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI)

The federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 significantly changed the tax landscape for states across the country. While states are still grappling with its implications for their own tax codes, the conformity focus shifted this year to dealing with global intangible low-taxed income (GILTI).

Through both legislative and regulatory action, many states moved to exclude all or virtually all of GILTI (foreign income) from their tax bases this year. Currently, 24 states have decoupled from or exclude at least 95 percent of GILTI from the tax base, 14 have a deduction that may apply to GILTI or is less than a 95 percent exclusion, and only five states explicitly tax more than 50 percent of GILTI.

5. Data Privacy Protections

Greater access to the internet, smart devices, and social media platforms have connected the world and made life more convenient, but they have also raised privacy concerns as these providers vacuum up more consumer data. In 2018, California lawmakers passed the landmark California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), which goes into effect in 2020 and requires entities to provide notice to consumers regarding what information is collected about them and gives them the right to opt-out of the entity selling their information to third parties and have that information deleted.

This year all eyes remained on California as groups sought to amend the landmark law before implementation begins next year. Other states looked to follow the Golden State's lead with either their own comprehensive privacy laws or to implement aspects of the CCPA. Nevada, Maine, and Massachusetts all enacted limited privacy laws this year and a handful of states agreed to study the issue formally. Washington lawmakers passed a comprehensive bill through the Washington Senate, but it stalled in the House. Expect this issue to continue to pick up steam in 2020 as the CCPA goes into effect and other states look to copy and add on to California's reforms.

6. Marketplace Facilitators

In the wake of South Dakota v. Wayfair, states quickly adopted South Dakota-style thresholds requiring retailers that sell more than a specific dollar amount or in excess of a specific number of transactions to collect sales tax on remote sales. The real story following the Wayfair decision, however, is that states are extending sales tax collection obligations to marketplaces. Currently, 39 states have required marketplaces to collect sales tax with only seven states (excluding states without a statewide sales tax) holding out enacting any legislation.

7. Increasing Minimum Wage to \$15 Per Hour

Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, and New Jersey all enacted legislation in 2019 to incrementally increase their minimum wages to \$15 per hour. Since 2016, seven states plus the District of Columbia have enacted legislation increasing minimum wage rates to \$15 per hour. Activists and progressive lawmakers continue to push for a \$15 per hour minimum wage. This year, 22 states introduced 67 bills seeking to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

8. Marijuana Legalization

In 2019, Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker (D) signed legislation (IL HB 1438) to legalize the possession, consumption, and sale of marijuana for adults over the age of 21 in the state. The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act will not only make Illinois the 11th state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana but also introduces a series of sweeping changes concerning marijuana-related criminal convictions and marijuana business financing that accompany the drug's newly legalized status. Currently, 11 states and the District of Columbia have legalized the recreational use of marijuana while 23 states have legalized the medical use of marijuana. Expect this number to grow in 2020 as measures to legalize marijuana will appear on a number of state ballots next November.

The Six (6) Education Policy Topics You'll See in 2020

By: Jeremy Anderson

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[Source: Education Commission of the States (ECS) Ed Note, <https://ednote.ecs.org/>]

While 2020 is inherently a big election year because it includes a presidential race, it is also a big election year for states: 11 states (plus American Samoa and Puerto Rico) are holding governors races, and 86 legislative chambers across 44 states have seats up for election. Like in any big election year, the issues that dominate the discussions in state capitols are likely to bubble up during campaign rallies and, later, mirror some of the motivators driving people to the polls in the fall.

Education sometimes receives a sliver of that attention, vying for space among other big, conversational issues like the economy, climate change, and health care. Yet, the education spectrum is vast, and the issues numerous. In many states, education makes up more than 50% of the state budget, with significant policy implications. Through our legislative tracking, analysis of governors' priorities and in-person state visits, we identified six trending education topics sure to garner attention among state leaders in 2020. They are:

1. Early childhood education.

As emphasis on the early years — a pivotal time to provide young learners with a strong educational foundation — grows, so does states' attention toward improving instructional and programmatic quality, streamlining governmental oversight and increasing funding for education from birth to third grade. Additionally, we are seeing specific attention focused on literacy development in the P-3 grades.

2. School climate.

Under this umbrella term, we are seeing introduced legislation that spans everything from student mental health and trauma-informed instruction to culturally responsive curricula and alternatives to exclusionary discipline. School — and building — safety also falls under school climate considerations, as states work to provide adequate security infrastructure without hampering the learning environment.

3. K-12 funding — and specifically, this year, addressing equitable distribution of high-need funding.

We are in the middle of a three-part blog series that breaks down the different ways states fund high-need populations: students from low-income households, English language learners, and rural schools. Additionally, we are seeing states reconsidering existing revenue sources and allocation models, as well as increasing investments in school facilities.

4. Teaching.

Last year, 42 states and the District of Columbia enacted 281 bills affecting teaching and teachers. This year, we expect discussion to center on recruitment and retention, alignment of preparation with workforce demands and incentives for teacher leadership. We recently updated our 50-State Comparison on Teacher Recruitment and Retention to help inform this work.

5. College affordability.

Research shows that every \$1,000 in grant aid per student increases persistence rates by 4 percentage points. So, it is no surprise we see continued efforts to supplement students' ability to pay for college. States are exploring first-dollar awarding models, FAFSA completion as a high school graduation requirement and modifications to aid eligibility criteria to include returning adults.

6. Workforce development.

A strong workforce has a direct impact on state economies, making workforce development a critical part of state education policy. States are working toward building collaborative structures across state agencies that can, in turn, establish clear education-to-workforce pathways and connect outcomes data across that continuum to inform programs, systems, and policy.

We will be watching these issues closely in 2020 — currently in governors' State of the State addresses and in introduced legislation in statehouses across the country — and we will share important developments here on Ed Note. We are also keeping our most relevant resources on our Key Issue pages to continue to inform your work. Subscribe to Ed Note to stay up to date, or reach out to us directly to request assistance on a specific issue in your state. We are here to be your education policy team through the elections of 2020 and beyond.



Current Legislative Session Statistics

- ★ Pursuant to Article III, Section 3(b) of the Florida Constitution, the **2020 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature** convened on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**, [e.g., **2020 Important Florida Legislative Session Dates attached**].
 - The session shall continue for sixty (60) consecutive days, which may be extended by a three-fifths vote of each chamber.
 - Special sessions may be called by the Governor or may be convened by joint proclamation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - Special sessions may not exceed twenty (20) days, unless extended by a three-fifths vote of each chamber.
- ★ The **2020 Interim Committees** began meeting during **the week of September 09, 2019**, [e.g., **2020 Important Florida Legislative Session Dates attached**].
- ★ The **2020 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature** adjourned *sine die* on **Thursday, March 19, 2020**, after extending the session beyond sixty (60) days in order to complete its work.
- ★ As of **March 20, 2020, 12:00 noon**, our Florida legislators filed **3518** bills (e.g., **2518** in the House; **1000** in the Senate) for the 2020 Regular Session.
 - [e.g., **Current 2020 SDOC Legislative Bills Summary attached**].
- ★ Of the total bills filed, SDOC tracked **1714** bills (e.g., **1012** in the House; **702** in the Senate) that may have had potential effects on our local educators, students, and parents.
- ★ **210** bills have passed both chambers of the Florida Legislature. Of these, the Governor has received and signed into law **187** bills and vetoed **4** bills.
- ★ Of the bills filed, **14** bills appeared to have had the potential to become possible **omnibus bills, or "trains,"** as written.
 - An omnibus bill, commonly referred to as a "train," is a proposed law that packages together multiple legal measures on diverse or unrelated topics into a single document that is voted upon as a single item. Omnibus is a Latin term that means "for everything." The length and scope of omnibus bills limit the time and opportunities for in-depth analysis and debate. Often, omnibus bills are the vehicle used to pass controversial amendments. Therefore, some observers consider omnibus bills problematic.
- ★ Remember that in order for a bill to become law in Florida, companion versions of each bill filed in the legislature **must**:
 - ✓ clear several committees in both the House and Senate chambers,
 - ✓ be read three times in both chambers,
 - ✓ pass votes taken in both chambers,
 - ✓ survive the joint conference committee if any language differs in each chamber's version of the bill, and
 - ✓ receive the governor's signature.
- ★ Therefore, each bill is statistically more likely **not** to become law.

Governor’s Budget Proposal

Governor’s Education-Related Proposals

- **Minimum Classroom Teacher Starting Salary = \$47,500**
- **Performance Bonuses for Classroom Teachers**
 - *“(4) A classroom teacher is eligible to receive an award, as specified in the General Appropriations Act, under this section if he or she has taught at a school during the period for which the school grade calculation applies that meets one of the following tiered structures:*
 - (a) Tier 1 – School has earned 85 percent or greater of the school grade points or increased the percentage of school grade points earned by six or more percentage points in their A through F school grading calculation for the prior year;*
 - (b) Tier 2 – School has increased the percentage of school grade points earned by three to five percentage points in the school’s A through F school grading calculation for the prior year; or*
 - (c) Tier 3 – School has increased the percentage of school grade points earned by one to two percentage points in the school’s A through F school grading calculation for the prior year.*

The amount of the classroom teacher bonus specified in the General Appropriations Act shall be at a higher award amount for eligible classroom teachers at a Title I school. If a school district’s appropriation for classroom teacher bonuses received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) is insufficient to cover the full award amounts specified in the General Appropriations Act, school districts must prorate the award amounts equally among the tiers.”

Florida’s Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (BEST)

- As part of his campaign platform, Governor DeSantis called for the elimination of Common Core standards from the Florida standards. He issued an Executive Order that required a review of the standards with a report of recommendations for new standards due by January 01, 2020.
- On Friday, January 26, 2020, Governor DeSantis announced his new plan for Florida standards named **Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (BEST)** stating that, "It really goes beyond Common Core to embrace common sense." He also indicated that it would streamline testing. During his announcement, he revealed that the specific details would be on the Florida Department of Education website.

Florida Legislature 2020-2021 Budget Proposals by Chamber

House Proposal

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)*

- raises **Total FEFP** from \$21.9 billion to \$22.8 billion
 - \$868.8 million, or 3.97% increase
 - raises the **Base Student Allocation** from \$4,279.49 to \$4,329.49
 - \$50.00 per BSA, or 1.17% increase
 - raises the **Funds per FTE** from \$7,655.96 to \$7,873.93
 - \$217.97 per FTE, or 2.85% increase
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Senate Proposal

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)*

- raises **Total FEFP** from \$21.9 billion to \$22.6 billion
 - \$762.8 million, or 3.49% increase
 - raises the **Base Student Allocation** from \$4,279.49 to \$4,319.66
 - \$40.17 per BSA, or 0.94% increase
 - raises the **Funds per FTE** from \$7,655.96 to \$7,837.25
 - \$181.29 per FTE, or 2.37% increase
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*2019-2020 Appropriations reflect FEFP Third Calculation.

Florida Legislature 2020-2021 Final Budget

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)*

- raises **Total FEFP** from \$21.9 billion to \$22.5 billion
 - **\$641 million, or 2.93% increase**
- raises the **Base Student Allocation** from \$4,279.49 to \$4,319.49
 - **\$40.00 per BSA, or 0.93% increase**
- raises the **Funds per FTE** from \$7,655.96 to \$7,786.61
 - **\$130.65 per FTE, or 1.71% increase**

*2019-2020 Appropriations reflect FEFP Third Calculation.

2020 Legislative Session Highlights

Top Ten Bill Topics

Rank	Bill Topic	HOUSE	SENATE	Total Bills
1	Education	6	8	14
2	Child Welfare	5	7	12
3	Sentencing	2	8	10
4	Florida Statutes	4	4	8
5	Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System	4	3	7
5	Transportation Facility Designations	4	3	7
7	Beverage Law	3	3	6
7	Charter Schools	2	4	6
7	Public Records	4	2	6
10	Internship Tax Credit Program	3	2	5
10	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	2	3	5
10	Prohibited Discrimination	2	3	5
10	Specialty License Plates	4	1	5



Notable Bills that *Did NOT* Pass

BILL NUMBER, TITLE and LINK	SUMMARY
<u>HB 1 - Dues and Uniform Assessments</u>	Requires specified information be provided in employee organization authorization form; prohibits certain information on revocation form; revises when certain deductions commence; provides for termination of authorization for deduction of dues upon specified period or event.
<u>HJR 157 - Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board</u>	Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the terms of office for a member of a district school board.
<u>HB 581 - Civic Education</u>	Requires Commissioner of Education to develop minimum criteria for nonpartisan civic literacy practicum & process to verify successful completion of such practicum; provides requirements for such practicum; requires SBE to annually designate public schools that meet specified criteria as Freedom Schools & establish criteria for designation as Freedom School; provides requirements for such criteria.
<u>HB 737 - Moments of Silence in Public Schools</u>	Requires moment at beginning of each school day & provides requirements for such moment of silence.
<u>HB 883 - Education</u>	Requiring DOE to maintain a disqualification list of individuals; revises provisions relating to employment & termination of public school & private school employees; revises duties of DOE, Commissioner of Education, & school districts relating to employee conduct & employment & termination of public school & private school employees.
<u>HB 953 - Charter Schools</u>	Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools; revises reporting & accountability requirements & populations for which charter school is authorized to limit enrollment process; provides for funding; authorizes career & professional academy to be offered by charter school.
<u>HB 1013 - Early Learning and Early Grade Success</u>	Deletes Office of Early Learning; creates Division of Early Learning within DOE; revises provisions relating to early learning coalitions; VPK & school readiness programs; & DOE responsibilities & duties relating to early learning.
<u>HB 1029 - Charter Schools</u>	Revises provisions relating to charter schools, high-performing charter schools, educational facilities, virtual instruction programs, career & professional academies, & exceptional student education centers.
<u>HB 1059 - Parental Rights</u>	Provides parental rights relating to a minor child's education, upbringing, & health care; provides school district, health care practitioner, hospital requirements & specified penalties.
<u>HB 1231 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools</u>	Prohibits use of seclusion on students; revises provisions relating to use of restraint on certain students; provides DOE, school district, school, & personnel requirements; provides for placement of video camera in specified classrooms; provides requirements for such placement; requires continuing education & inservice training for teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities.

BILL NUMBER, TITLE and LINK	SUMMARY
CS/HB 7065 – School Safety	Revises provisions relating to mental health assistance allocation, FortifyFL, & school safety provisions relating to Commissioner of Education, OIG, Office of Safe Schools, charter schools, school districts, threat assessment teams, safe school officers, Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool, & DOE; provides requirements for family reunification plans & civil citation or similar prearrest diversion programs.
CS/HB 7079 – Education	Revises provisions relating to DOE powers & duties, Florida Partnership for Minority and Underrepresented Student Achievement, statewide assessment program, turnaround options & plans, school grading system, & turnaround school supplemental services allocation; provides appropriation.
HB 7103 – Education	Revises provisions relating to teacher preparation programs, inservice points for teachers, & professional development for teachers; prohibits costs associated with certain solar energy systems from being included in certain cost per student station limitations; requires Commissioner of Education to submit report by December 1, 2020, on feasibility of implementing certain program.
SB 534 – Education	Requiring the Department of Education to maintain a disqualification list that includes the identities of certain persons; requiring district school boards to investigate certain complaints and report certain results of such investigations to the department; prohibiting an individual who is on the disqualification list from being employed by a charter school or serving as a member of a charter school governing board; requiring certain private schools to adopt policies establishing standards of ethical conduct for certain employees, etc.
SB 804 – Employee Organization Dues and Uniform Assessments	Revising the requirements for an employee to authorize the deduction and collection of dues and uniform assessments by an employer; revising when such deductions commence; providing requirements for forms that authorize such deductions, etc.
SB 918 – Civic Education	Requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop minimum criteria for a nonpartisan civic literacy practicum for high school students, beginning with a specified school year; authorizing students to apply the hours they devote to practicum activities to certain community service requirements; requiring the State Board of Education to designate certain high schools as Freedom Schools, based on criteria the board establishes relating to students' civic learning and civic engagement, etc.
SB 946 – Moments of Silence in Public Schools	Requiring that public school principals require teachers to set aside time for a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day; prohibiting teachers from making suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence; requiring certain teachers to encourage parents to discuss the moment of silence with their children and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time, etc.

BILL NUMBER, TITLE and LINK	SUMMARY
SJR 1216 - Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board	Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the terms of office for a member of a district school board, etc.
SB 1250 - Teacher Professional Learning	Expanding requirements for uniform core curricula and candidate assessment for teacher preparation programs; specifying that teachers may earn inservice points only once during a certain time period for any mandatory training topic not linked to student learning or professional growth; requiring district school boards to calculate a proportionate share of professional development funds for each classroom teacher; creating the Professional Education Excellence Resources (PEER) Pilot Program in specified counties, etc.
SB 1420 - Charter Schools	Prohibiting sponsors from refusing to receive a charter school application submitted during the calendar year; revising how charter schools operated by not-for-profit or municipal entities may use certain unrestricted current and capital assets; specifying how many applications a high-performing charter school may submit in any school district in the state to establish and operate a new charter school; revising the virtual instruction a virtual charter school may provide, etc.
SB 1498 - School Turnaround	Authorizing the Department of Education to hold patents, copyrights, trademarks, and service marks; providing that a student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within this state is considered a resident of that school district for enrollment purposes and must be given preferential treatment; requiring postsecondary students to complete a civic literacy course and pass a specified assessment to demonstrate competency in civic literacy; revising the requirements for turnaround options for specified schools, etc.
SB 1634 - Parental Rights	Designating the "Parents' Bill of Rights"; providing that the state, its political subdivisions, other governmental entities, or other institutions may not infringe on parental rights without demonstrating specified information; providing that a parent of a minor child has specified rights relating to his or her minor child; requiring each district school board in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, to develop and adopt a policy to promote parental involvement in the public school system; prohibiting certain health care practitioners from taking specified actions without a parent's written permission, etc.
SB 1644 - Students With Disabilities in Public Schools	Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of seclusion on students with disabilities in public schools; prohibiting specified restraint techniques; requiring a video camera to be placed in specified classrooms upon the request of a parent; requiring schools to provide written notice to certain individuals of the placement of a video camera; requiring continuing education and inservice training for instructional personnel teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities, etc.

BILL NUMBER, TITLE and LINK	SUMMARY
SB 1688 - Early Learning and Early Grade Success	Adding the Division of Early Learning to the divisions of the Department of Education; revising the duties of the Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference; providing requirements for minimum child care licensing standards; requiring students enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to participate in a specified screening and progress monitoring program; revising the performance standards for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; authorizing certain child development programs operating on military installations to participate in the school readiness program, etc.
SB 7040 - Implementation of the Recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission	Authorizing a sheriff to contract for services to provide training under the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program; adding penalties for persons who knowingly submit false information to a law enforcement agency; revising the training, consultation, and coordination responsibilities of the Office of Safe Schools; requiring the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute to consult with specified state agencies and convene a workgroup to advise those agencies on the implementation of specified mental health recommendations, etc.



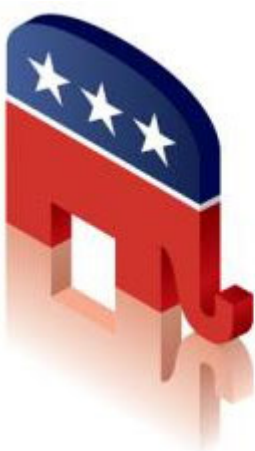
Notable Bills that *Did* Pass

More detailed bill analyses shall follow in future updates.

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HB 37 - School Bus Safety	Revises civil penalties for certain violations relating to stopping for school bus.
HB 101 - Public Construction	Revises amounts of retainage that local governmental entities and contractors may withhold from progress payments for construction services contract; revises requirements for DMS rules governing certain contracts; revises amounts of retainage that public entities and contractors may withhold from progress payments for construction services contract. Effective Date: October 01, 2020
HB 171 - Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel	Requires BOG and SBE to create uniform process for award of postsecondary credit and clock hours to certain servicemembers and veterans; provides process for award of postsecondary credit and clock hours for military experience and credentials; requires specified postsecondary institutions to waive transcript fee for active duty members, certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
HB 441 - Public Procurement of Services	Revises maximum dollar amount for continuing contracts for construction projects; revises term "continuing contract" to increase certain maximum dollar amounts for professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, & surveying & mapping services.
HB 641 - Funds for the Operation of Schools	Revises annual allocation to school districts to include additional calculation of full-time equivalent membership for students who earn College Board Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma beginning in specified fiscal year. Effective Date: July 01, 2020
HB 1213 - Educational Instruction of Historical Events	Authorizes DOE to contract with Florida Holocaust Museum for specified purposes related to required instruction. Effective Date: July 01, 2020
HB 7011 - K-12 Student Athletes	Revises provisions relating to automated external defibrillators on school grounds, training related to CPR and defibrillators, FHSAA student athlete safety policies, and specified medical evaluations. Effective Date: July 01, 2020

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HB 7067 - School Choice	Revises provisions relating to Auditor General, Gardiner Scholarship, Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, Hope Scholarship Program, civic literacy, instructional materials, & statewide standardized assessment program; requires Commissioner of Education to provide report relating to Pathways in Technology Early College High School program or similar program.
CS/HB 7097 - Taxation	Revises provisions related to tourist development taxes, ad valorem taxes, corporate income taxes, value adjustment boards, tangible personal property rolls, truth-in-millage processes, communications services taxes, penalties related to dyed diesel fuels, convention development taxes, rental & license fees, sales tax reports, charter county & regional transportation system surtaxes, school capital outlay surtaxes, corporate income taxes, & contaminated site rehabilitation tax credits; repeals provision related to sports development; provides tax-free holidays.
SB 72 - Postsecondary Education	Clarifying requirements for new construction, remodeling, or renovation projects; establishing state universities of distinction throughout the State University System; requiring that grant awards administered through the Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program not exceed a certain amount; specifying eligibility for initial awards under the Benacquisto Scholarship Program; revising the dates by which a spending plan must be submitted to a Florida College System institution's board of trustees for approval, etc. Effective Date: July 01, 2020
SB 156 - Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program	Extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot program; revising an eligibility requirement, etc.
SB 434 - Designation of School Grades	Revising the components on which a school's grade is based, etc.
HB 441 - Public Procurement of Services	Revises maximum dollar amount for continuing contracts for construction projects; revises term "continuing contract" to increase certain maximum dollar amounts for professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, & surveying & mapping services.
SB 662 – Education and the Military	Providing that a student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within this state is considered a resident of the school district in which the military installation is located for the purpose of enrollment; revising the calculation of school grades for certain schools, etc.

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SB 664 - Verification of Employment Eligibility	Requiring written agreements for the procurement of specified contractual services to include a statement regarding the requirement that a contractor or subcontractor register with and use an employment verification system; requiring public employers and certain contractors and subcontractors to register with and use an employment verification system by a specified date; requiring employers who meet specified criteria to register with and use an employment verification system to verify the employment eligibility of new employees; authorizing the imposition of fines for violations of the act, etc.
SB 1066 - Impact Fees	Revising requirements for counties and municipalities that adopt, collect, or administer an impact fee by ordinance and for special districts that adopt, collect, and administer an impact fee by resolution; prohibiting new or increased impact fees from applying to certain applications; providing that impact fee credits are assignable and transferable under certain conditions; requiring certain counties and municipalities to establish impact fee review and advisory committees, etc.
SB 7012 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health	Providing additional duties for the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention; requiring the Department of Transportation to work with the office in developing a plan relating to evidence-based suicide deterrents in certain locations; requiring that certain information be provided to the guardian or representative of a minor patient released from involuntary examination; requiring specified persons to complete certain suicide prevention education courses by a specified date; providing that persons providing certain emergency care are not liable for civil damages or penalties under certain circumstances, etc.



Quotes to Guide Us through the Legislative Session and Beyond

- ★ *The Lord of the Rings – The Two Towers*: “And so, it begins.”
- ★ *The Devil Wears Prada*: “Gird your loins!”
- ★ *Star Wars –The Empire Strikes Back*: “Fear is the path to the Dark Side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering.”
- ★ *The Hunger Games*: “May the odds be ever in your favor!”
- ★ *Mary Poppins Returns*: “When the world turns upside down, the best thing is to turn right along with it. ... There’s nowhere to go but up.”

