

Preliminary Listing of PreK-12 Enrolled Bills 2008 Florida Legislature

Palm Beach School District/SCGI

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Sorted by Bill Number

HB 0003 Relating to Children's Zones

Bendross-Mindingall

Children's Zones: Provides for counties & municipalities to designate certain areas as children's zones; provides process for nominating children's zones; provides for children's zone planning teams & corporations & strategic community plans; establishes Magic City Children's Zone, Jacksonville Children's Zone, & Orlando Children's Zone pilot projects; requires DCFS to contract with certain private not-for-profit corporations. Effective Date: July 1, 2008, subject to a specific appropriation to provide a grant for a 3-year period for the purpose of implementing this act, which includes contracting with a not-for-profit corporation for the development of a business plan and for the evaluation, fiscal management, and oversight of the Magic City Children's Zone, Inc., and Jacksonville Children's Zone pilot projects

5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

This began as a general bill and ended as a pilot for Miami, Jacksonville and Orlando. It merits watching for FY09 and expansion into other high poverty, unemployment cities/counties with limited access to health care, social services and "quality education".

HB 0043 Relating to Criminal Activity

Snyder

Criminal Activity: Requires certain felons whose offenses related to criminal gangs to register; penalizes certain persons possessing fire arms; revises provisions relating to enjoining of public nuisances to include certain nuisances related to criminal gangs & criminal gang activities; redefines "criminal street gangs" as "criminal gangs"; prohibits possession of bulletproof vests by certain persons; provides that ch. 874, F.S., does not preclude arrest & prosecution under other specified provisions; revises provision relating to soliciting or causing another to join criminal gang; provides additional powers for FDLE & local law enforcement agencies relating to crime data information; prohibits certain actions relating to criminal gang-related activity; prohibits use of electronic communications to further specified purposes; prohibits possession of certain identification documents for specified purposes; provides for grant program; provides objectives; provides for appearance bonds for certain persons; prohibits certain probationers, community controllees, parolees, & conditional releasees from communicating with criminal gang members; provides exceptions; conforms cross-references & terminology; creates Coordinating Council on Criminal Gang Reduction Strategies. Effective Date: October 1, 2008, except as otherwise provided

5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s) (081440, 564794, 703050); Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled;

Toughens penalties on gang violence; establishes 11-member Coordinating Council on Criminal Gang Violence Reduction among whose purposes is coordination with local government including school districts.

HB 0165 Relating to Agency Inspectors General

Bean

Agency Inspectors General: Provides definitions; requires agency inspectors general to comply with certain principles & standards; requires inspector general to submit findings of audits & investigations to specified persons or entities; requires responses to findings within 20 working days; requires agencies under Governor to notify Chief Inspector General of inspector general appointments & terminations; prohibits agency staff from preventing or prohibiting inspector general from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation; requires audits to be conducted in accordance with current International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing; requires inspector general of each state agency to report certain written complaints to agency head, & for agencies under Governor, to agency head & Chief Inspector General; requires Chief Inspector General to fulfill certain duties & responsibilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
5/8/2008 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Adds definition of "individual substantially affected" concerning individuals involved or connected to any audit or review and that such individuals have 20 days to respond from date of audit/review findings.

SB 0242 Relating to Schools/Single-gender Classes

Wise

Schools/Single-gender Classes [SPCC]; Provides that students may be separated by gender for specified single-gender programs. Provides that options for public school choice may include single-gender programs. Authorizes district school boards to establish a nonvocational class, extracurricular activity, or school in which enrollment is limited to students of a single gender. Requires evaluation of single-gender programs every 2 years, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
4/24/2008 ----- Allowed to become Law without Governor's Signature; Chapter No. 2008 -26

While general allowed previously, this new legislation specifically allows districts to establish and maintain nonvocational classes, extracurricular activities or schools, K -12, on a single gender basis provided the district makes them substantially equal.

HB 0251 Relating to Reserve Officers' Training Corps Programs

Jordan

Reserve Officers' Training Corps Programs: Prohibits school district from banning Junior ROTC unit in certain schools; requires school district to allow student, under certain circumstances, to enroll in Junior ROTC at another school; prohibits community college or state university from banning Senior ROTC unit; requires school district, community college, or state university to grant military recruiters certain access to students, school facilities & grounds, & student information. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
4/25/2008 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Prohibits districts from banning any branch of the military or Homeland Security from establishing, maintaining or operating a JROTC at a (meaning at least one) public high school in the district and allowing any student to attend; also grants the branches the same level of access on campus that the district allows postsecondary institutions or prospective employers.

HB 0489 Relating to Sexual Violence

Jenne

Sexual Violence: Defines "sexual violence"; provides specified employee leave benefits to employees who are victims of sexual violence or who have family or household member who is sexual violence victim. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
4/28/2008 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

Requires employers, including school districts, to allow employees to take up to 3 working days in any 12-month period if s/he is the victim of "sexual violence" as well as current law for domestic violence.

HB 0503 Relating to Preservation & Protection of the Right to Keep & Bear Arms in Motor Vehicles Act of 2008

Evers

Preservation & Protection of the Right to Keep & Bear Arms in Motor Vehicles Act of 2008: Creates "Preservation and Protection of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Motor Vehicles Act of 2008"; prohibits public or private employer from prohibiting customer, employee, or invitee from possessing any legally owned firearm that is lawfully possessed & locked inside or locked to private motor vehicle

in parking lot; prohibits such entities from violating specified privacy rights by verbal or written inquiry, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2008, and shall apply to causes of action accruing on or after that date. 4/15/2008 ----- Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2008 -7

This bill attracted much attention, but clearly in s.790.251(7)(a) exempts school property as defined in s.790.115.

SB 0526 Relating to Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities Wise

Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities [SPCC]; Cites this act as "Erin's Law." Provides that charter and private school students may participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public school under certain conditions. Provides for a public school student to participate in interscholastic sports at another public school, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/1/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (0 03247); Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 1 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Began as a general bill and ended as a mandated pilot for Bradford, Duval and Nassau school districts for 2 years...need to monitor for possible expansion next year or the following. Pilot school districts opposed the bill.

SB 0564 Relating to Automated External Defibrillators Constantine

Automated External Defibrillators [SPCC]; Revises provisions relating to the maintenance of and training requirements for the use of automated external defibrillators. Revises provisions encouraging notice of the location of such defibrillators to the medical director of the local emergency medical services. Revises requirements for civil immunity for the use or attempted use of a defibrillator on a victim of a perceived medical emergency, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/2/2008 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0243

Encourages all persons (including school personnel) to obtain appropriate training on usage; original law mandated training.

HB 0601 Relating to Department of Business and Professional Regulation Hudson

Department of Business and Professional Regulation: Requires that hazard insurance be based upon replacement cost of property to be insured as determined by independent insurance appraisal or update of prior appraisal; changes name of Division of Florida Land Sales, Con dominiums, & Mobile Homes to Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, & Mobile Homes & changes name of Division of Technology, Licensure, & Testing to Division of Technology, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2008 except as otherwise provided

5/2/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Substituted for SB 2086; Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (465352, 227610, 040578); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning

messages; Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s) (465352, 227610, 040578); Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Contains amended language related to hours/courses required for cosmetology licensure from programs offered by school districts or postsecondary institutions.

HB 0603 Relating to Textbook Affordability Flores

Textbook Affordability: Prohibits certain actions of community college or state university employees that relate to student purchase of required textbooks; authorizes receipt of certain instructional materials, compensation, & training; requires student notification of required textbooks; requires adoption of specified policies & practices to minimize cost of textbooks. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

4/25/2008 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Prohibits any community college or university employee from receiving monetary gain in exchange for requiring students to purchase specific textbooks or other materials for coursework or instruction. This is an FYI only as it may affect Dual Enrollment students.

SB 0610 **Relating to Physical Education/Grades 6-8** Constantine
Physical Education/Grades 6-8 [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Don Davis Physical Education Act."
Requires physical education for students in grade 6 through grade 8. Provides for waivers under certain circumstances. Requires school districts to notify parents of the waiver options, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
5/2/2008 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 6 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled

Substantially amended from absolute mandate to requirement with waivers; requires at least 30-minutes uninterrupted time for elementary, middle school PE; still does not require PE - certified teacher; middle school does not take effect until 2009 -2010; provides waivers of requirement for remedial instruction or parental request that the student attend another class or already gets physical activities outside the school.

HB 0623 **Relating to School Food Service Programs** Kendrick
School Food Service Programs: Requires school breakfast programs in middle & high schools; specifies requirements for setting prices of breakfast meals; requires district school boards to consider policies for provision of universal-free school breakfast meals in certain schools; clarifies allocation of funds for school breakfast programs; directs OPPAGA to submit report on school district food service programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Bill takes effect 2009-2010; districts must offer a breakfast program to all students in each school; requires Board policy by 2010 -2011 for universal free breakfast for at least 80% of students on Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL).

SB 0642 **Relating to School/Multiple Birth Siblings/Classroom Placement** Siplin
School/Multiple Birth Siblings/Classroom Placement [SPCC]; Defines "multiple birth siblings" as twins, triplets, quadruplets, or other siblings resulting from a multiple birth. Gives parents the right to request the same or separate classrooms in the same grade level for said siblings. Specifies that the provisions of this bill do not apply to the rights or obligations of exceptional or disabled students or the removal of students pursuant to discipline policies, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
5/2/2008 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0185; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled

Puts into law the option for parents of twins or other multiple birth siblings to have them attend the same classroom or different classrooms; gives latitude to the principal to change assignments if s/he determines placement in the same classroom is disruptive; parents may appeal;

SB 0646 **Relating to HIV and AIDS Educational Requirements** Margolis
HIV and AIDS Educational Requirements [SPCC]; Revises HIV and AIDS educational course requirements for certain employees and clients of the following: hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, mobile surgical facilities, nursing homes, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities, certain facilities for the developmentally disabled, receiving and treatment facilities for the mentally ill, and substance abuse facilities, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
4/24/2008 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Of particular interest to districts having nurses in schools; eliminates repetitive statutory requirements for an educational course on HIV/AIDS; clarifies course is one -time

HB 0653 **Relating to Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program** Traviesa

Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program: Revises program purposes; revises provisions authorizing total amount of tax credits that may be granted; revises authorized uses of scholarship funds; revises provisions relating to expenditure of contributions; authorizes expenditure of

contributions for specified administrative expenses by certain scholarship -funding organizations; provides for annual return of specified eligible contributions to State Treasury; revises scholarship amounts; provides for preservation of credits under certain circumstances; requires OPPAGA to report on program funding. Effective Date: June 30, 2008

5/2/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 29 Yeas / 11 Nays); In House returning messages; Received from Messages; Amendment(s) Adopted (161591, 703899); Concurred with Amendment(s) as Amended (973310); Passed (Vote: 82 Yeas / 34 Nays); In Senate returning messages; Concurred with Amendments (703899); Passed (Vote: 31 Yeas / 8 Nays); Reconsidered; Concurred with Amendment (703899); Passed (Vote: 29 Yeas / 8 Nays); House Ordered engrossed; then enrolled

Expands Scholarship contribution level to \$111 million for FY09; increases value of scholarship for FY09 by \$200 to \$3950/student.

HB 0669 Relating to School Safety

Thompson (N)

School Safety: Creates "Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act"; prohibits bullying & harassment of any student or employee of public K-12 educational institution; requires school district to adopt policy prohibiting bullying & harassment; provides immunity; provides restrictions with respect to defense of action & application of provisions; requires DOE approval of school district policy & school district compliance with reporting procedures as prerequisites to receipt of safe schools funds. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

4/30/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12; Criminal Justice; Substituted for SB 0790; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

Passed after being revised for 3-years; requires Board policy on prohibiting bullying and harassment by 12/1/08; does not require districts to re-do an existing policy if the policy is in "substantial conformity" with a yet-to-be written model policy that FLDOE is to develop by 10/1/08;

SB 0704 Relating to Open Government Act/Administrative Procedures

Bennett

Open Government Act/Administrative Procedures [RPCC]; Revises the guidelines for the construction of statutory language granting rulemaking authority. Provides additional procedures for rule-adoption hearings. Requires electronic publication of the Florida Administrative Code. Requires that certain administrative proceedings be terminated and subsequently reinstated under different provisions of law if a disputed issue of material fact arises, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$473,399. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.

4/29/2008 HOUSE Substituted for HB 7127; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled; Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

This legislation was vetoed in 2007; it is a must-read for school board attorneys; increases workload and possible cost in rule (policy) making procedures as well as legal fees in challenges.

SB 0856 Relating to Disability History and Awareness Pilot Project

Fasano

Disability History and Awareness [SPCC]; Requires district school boards to designate "Disability History and Awareness Weeks" during the first 2 weeks in October each year. Provides for students in all K-12 public schools to be provided disability history and awareness instruction. Provides the content and goals of such instruction. Encourages state postsecondary institutions to conduct and promote activities related to disability history and awareness, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/2/2008 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0091

Permissive ("may provide") program for school districts to conduct instruction on disability history and awareness during the first two weeks of October; provides suggested topics and modes of instructional delivery.

HB 0879 Relating to Early Learning

Kelly

Early Learning: Revises provisions relating to membership of early learning coalitions; authorizes use of telecommunication methods by early learning coalition boards; transfers requirements for establishment

of statewide child care resource & referral network by DCFS to AWI; provides for use of early learning coalitions as child care resource & referral agencies; transfers duties of DCFS with respect to Child Care Executive Partnership Program to AWI & early learning coalitions; revises VPK accreditation standards & background screening requirements; provides requirements for assignment of substitute instructors. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Authorizes Early Learning Coalitions to allow conference call-in meetings; gives full governance of coalitions to the Agency for Workforce Innovation (from DCF); allows public or private school to assign a substitute to temporarily replace a credentialed teacher on leave, provided the substitute is "of good moral character" and meets Level 2 background screening; AWI to adopt rules on this issue.

HB 0909 Relating to Ad Valorem Taxation

Nehr

Ad Valorem Taxation: Revises assessment of homestead property damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity; revises criteria for classifying agricultural lands; requires DOR to develop uniform policies & procedures manual for use in proceedings before value adjustment boards; requires certain persons in certain counties to attend special magistrate training under certain circumstances; revises information required to be provided on disclosure of tax impact form, etc. Effective Date: September 1, 2008

5/2/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s) (373736, 627392, 817552, 440972); Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Adds two lay citizens—one appointed by the county and one, a commercial business property owner to be appointed by the school board -- to property adjustment board; requires Dept of Revenue to develop uniform policies and procedures manual for adjustment boards.

HB 0967 Relating to Workplace Safety

Gibson (A)

Workplace Safety: Creates 15-member Florida Public Task Force on Workplace Safety within USF Safety Florida Consultation Program to develop findings & issue recommendations on innovative ways by which state may effectively ensure that each state department & agency & each county & municipal government complies with subparts C through T & subpart Z of OSHA Standards, 29 C.F.R. s. 1910, as revised July 1, 1993, with exception of standards pertaining to firefighters & fire departments OIR; provides membership & staffing; provides members may be reimbursed for per diem & travel expenses; requires officers & agencies of state to assist task force, when requested; requires first meeting on or before August 15, 2008; provides issues to be addressed; requires report to Governor, CFO, President of Senate, & Speaker of House of Representatives by January 1, 2009; dissolves task force upon report submission. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

5/1/2008 SENATE Received, referred to Governmental Operations; Banking and Insurance; General Government Appropriations; Withdrawn from Governmental Operations; Banking and Insurance; General Government Appropriations; Substituted for SB 0652; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

The Commission is to look at differences of need between private and public organizations; relationship of federal to state activities, etc., and may procure information and assistance from any entity that also includes school districts.

SB 0988 Relating to Transitional Services/Young Adults/Disabilities

Wise

Transitional Services/Young Adults/Disabilities [SPCC]; Creates the Health Care Transition Services Task Force for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities within the Department of Health to assess the need for health care transition services for youth with disabilities, develop strategies to ensure a successful transition from the pediatric to the adult health care system, and identify existing and potential funding sources. Creates the Don Davis Health and Transition Services Program, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$650,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/30/2008 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled; Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

The Task Force will focus on chronic health needs and ways to streamline services for youth and young adults who have special health care and disabilities needs; also to promote integration of health care transitional services with education, vocation and independent living.

SB 1070 Relating to Intergovernmental Cooperation King, Jr.

Intergovernmental Cooperation [RPCC]; Authorizes parties to an interlocal agreement to provide for the use or maintenance of facilities or equipment. Authorizes district school boards to perform certain functions by means of an interlocal agreement. Provides for the use of school buses for additional public purposes. Provides for reimbursement and indemnification, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

4/22/2008 SENATE Ordered enrolled

Bill is general law to accommodate Flagler County, but has implications for all other 66 school districts.

HB 1203 Relating to Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Proctor

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: Directs Governor to execute Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; provides requirements relating to student records & enrollment, placement & attendance, & eligibility for graduation; creates interstate commission & specifies powers & duties; requires Secretary of State to furnish enrolled act to member states; authorizes designation of Compact Commissioner & Military Family Education Liaison; creates council for compact; provides for future review & repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2008, or upon enactment of the compact into law by nine other states, whichever date occurs later

4/29/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

Intent is to streamline timely enrollment of military family children in schools and eliminate any disadvantage caused by difficulty of transferring records from one state to another as families are relocated. This compact is an attempt by a number of governors to have common sets of rules and procedures to be followed as families move around military bases. Of interest to district student services staff.

SB 1276 Relating to Educational Facilities Construction Bennett

Educational Facilities Construction [SPCC]; Increases the maximum authorized amount of a day -labor contract to \$280,000. Provides for such amount to be adjusted annually. Provides duties of the Office of Educational Facilities with respect to approving school district construction projects and assisting districts in developing lists of proposed facilities. Limits total project costs except for providential causes, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendments (965519, 925409, 657429, 511761); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Also amended to stipulate that class size reduction compliance includes the schools for whom the district provides and facilities and governs operations, meaning it is not responsible for the those charter schools operating independently by using school district - owned facilities.

HB 1313 Relating to Students with Disabilities Precourt

Students with Disabilities: Revises terminology used to identify students with certain disabilities; authorizes State Board of Education to adopt rules for eligibility of certain children with disabilities for admission to special programs & related services; revises terminology used to identify postsecondary education students with intellectual, emotional, or behavioral disabilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Redefines "mental" handicap as "intellectual" handicap and adding autism spectrum disorder to the programs which qualify under the McKay Scholarships as well as public school ESE programs.

HB 1395 Relating to Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Llorente

Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys: Removes outdated provisions; provides additional duties & powers of the council; removes certain duties of Attorney General; removes provision that discontinues council under certain conditions; creates direct-support organization; specifies duties & requires contract; provides contract requirements; provides for appointment of members of board of directors; requires direct-support organization to form strategic partnerships for specified purposes, including in specified counties; requires certain reports; provides additional duties & powers of direct-support organization; requires direct-support organization to consider participation of certain other counties; provides appropriation. Effective Date : July 1, 2008

4/25/2008 HOUSE Ordered enrolled; Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Continues the Council's existence; authorizes a direct support organization be formed to raise funds for Council operations; authorizes the Council to obtain information from any state entity including school districts;

SB 1414 Relating to Supplemental Educational Services Providers Diaz de la Portilla

Supplemental Educational Services Providers [SPCC]; Requires the Department of Education to annually evaluate and grade supplemental educational services providers. Specifies evaluation criteria. Provides reporting requirements, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/1/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (549469); Passed (Vote: 32 Yeas / 5 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Creates a grading system to be used by FLDOE in evaluating quality of services provided by SES providers, beginning with the current year.

SB 1588 Relating to Property Taxation Haridopolos

Property Taxation [FPCC]; Revises the requirements specifying the information that must be included on the real property assessment roll and on the tangible personal property roll. Revises provisions governing the manner in which homestead property may be assessed at less than just value. Authorizes a taxpayer to file an action in circuit court requiring a property appraiser to provide certain information, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.

5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (210103); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Sets requirements for valuation of property including homesteaded property below just value; of interest to School Board members serving on property adjustment board and to fiscal staff working with local tax rolls.

**SB 1676
SB 1678 Relating to Florida Statutes**

King, Jr.

Florida Statutes [OPCC]; Deletes provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded. Replaces incorrect cross-references and citations. Corrects grammatical, typographical, and like errors. Removes inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes. Improves the clarity of the statutes and facilitates their correct interpretation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 60 days after sine die.

4/7/2008 ----- Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2008 -4

Technical "Revisors" bills; lengthy list including some affecting obsolete education laws;

SB 1712 Relating to Ethics in Education Act Education Pre-K - 12

Ethics in Education Act; Specifies certain additional offenses that constitute a breach of public trust. Requires the Department of Education to assist school districts, charter schools, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and certain private schools and providers in developing policies and procedures governing educator ethics and employment. Requires each district school board to adopt ethical

standards for all employees, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$153,872 . EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (562471); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Establishes list of felonies or other crimes that will result in forfeiture of retirement benefits; prohibits confidentiality agreements for termination; makes it punishable for Board or Supt to knowingly hire someone convicted of a crime found listed in the bill; affects charter and private schools as well; requires adoption of standards of ethical conduct and training for such; penalties for failure to check, investigate and report any allegations of misconduct. This is a "must read" for human resource and legal personnel.

SB 1742 Relating to Educator Ethics

Carlton

Educator Ethics; Urges the Congress of the United States to support the passage of laws establishing ethical standards for professional educators and to support a national clearinghouse to strengthen state efforts in the reporting, screening, and sharing of critical information relative to educator misconduct, etc.

4/29/2008 HOUSE Read Second Time; Adopted; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 1 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled; Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Memorial to Congress urging support for a national set of laws on ethical standards for educators.

SB 1774 Relating to Postsecondary Student Fees

Lynn

Postsecondary Student Fees [FPCC]; Revises provisions relating to workforce education postsecondary student fees. Prohibits the fee from exceeding a certain percentage of the tuition per credit hour and the out-of-state fee. Requires that such fees be used to enhance instructional technology resources. Revises provisions relating to state university student fees. Requires a referendum of the student body in which a majority of the students vote to establish the technology fee, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/1/2008 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (138116); Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages; Conference Committee Report Received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (138116); Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 3 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Raises fees for postsecondary education courses including those offered through vocational career education centers, public or charter.

SB 1906 Relating to Alternative Credit High School Courses

Gaetz

Alternative Credit High School Courses [SPCC]; Establishes a pilot project for awarding high school credit to students enrolled in industry certification programs. Requires that a school district submit a letter of interest by a specified date in order to participate in the pilot project. Provides for specified courses to be included as alternative credit courses. Requires the DOE to adopt passing minimum scores on approved assessments and maintain a course directory, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Amendment Adopted (262658); Concurred with Amendment as Amended (201987); Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages; Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s) (262658); Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Creates pilot in up to 3 school districts for alternative course credit leading to state - recognized industry certification in career ed; creates pilot program in Duval County for compulsory attendance to age 18; establishes score designations for Ready to Work credential and requires students to have earned a R-T-W credential to get a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award; creates a pilot business/partnership program in Palm Beach County for Project Graduation and athletic sponsorships.

SB 1908 Relating to Designation of High School Grades

Gaetz

Designation of High School Grades [SPCC]; Amends a provision relating to the school grading system. Provides for a revised high school grading system beginning with the 2009 -2010 school year which includes the statewide standardized assessment, graduation rates, performance and participation in certain courses, postsecondary readiness as measured by certain examinations, and the change in these factors from year to year, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (981193); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Follows up on last month's State Board of Education adoption of "Next Generation Sunshine State Standards with a report to the 2009 Legislature; provides for pushing FCAT assessment later in the year starting in 2011; provides for high school grades in 2009-10 to be calculated 50% on FCAT and the rest on yet-to-be-developed end-of-course assessment, graduation and drop-out rates, school performance on A-P and I-B exams, etc.; adds "practical arts" with a definition to performing arts as an "either or" required high school credit; requires high school diplomas starting in 2008 -2009 to include designations of the students major area of interest, completion of accelerated courses when applicable; career education certification and a Ready to Work credential where applicable; for dual enrollment grades, the postsecondary level grade will prevail at both levels; prohibits districts from suspending regular instruction to administer practice FCAT tests or other test preparation, but districts can provide such strategies for Level 1 -2 students and can incorporate test-taking exercises in math and reading to familiarize students with the organization of assessment; approves national instruments for foreign language teacher certification; changes Teacher Lead distribution to allow for use of debit cards and for teachers to certify their responsibility to account for received Lead dollars.

SB 1992 Relating to Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Baker

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles [EPCC]; Authorizes the driving of a hybrid, low - emission, or energy-efficient vehicle in a high-occupancy-vehicle lane regardless of occupancy. Requires the placement of signs in certain school zones stating that speeding fines are doubled within the zone. Prohibits driving in any race, drag race, exhibition of speed, or exhibition of acceleration. Revises the conditions under which the court may require the use of an ignition interlock device, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.

5/1/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (031427); Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Section doubles speeding fines in school zones;

SB 2422 Relating to Local Government Finance Alexander

Local Government Finance [RPCC]; Provides for the administration of the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund. Requires that the board provide a unit of local government with certain information before such unit makes a determination that it is in the best interest of the local government unit to deposit surplus funds in the trust fund. Provides for the establishment of a reserve account. Creates the Pool Participant Advisory Council, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (495503); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Part of State Board of Administration investment fund package. Also see HB7097;

SB 2502 Relating to Implementing the 2007 -2008 Special Appropriations Fiscal Policy & Calendar

Implementing the 2007-2008 Special Appropriations [FPCC]; Provides for the incorporation by reference of certain calculations used by the Legislature for the 2007 -2008 fiscal year. Provides legislative intent with respect to reductions in expenditures made by district school boards. Increases the amount that certain school districts may expend, per unweighted full -time equivalent student, from the revenue generated by the 2007 -2008 district school tax levy, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/14/2008. 3/14/2008 ----- Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2008 -2

2nd FY08 appropriations "implementing" bill that included use of 2-mill local capital authority for property insurance, etc., up to \$65/FTE.

SB 2532 Relating to Child Custody and Support Lynn

Child Custody and Support [SPCC]; Provides a directive to the Division of Statutory Revision to retitle "Dissolution of Marriage; Support; Custody" as "Dissolution of Marriage; Support; Time -sharing." Revises provisions relating to a presumption of good faith for psychologists making specified determinations. Provides for orders of temporary support for children whose time -sharing is temporarily modified due to a parent's military service, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.

5/1/2008 SENATE Ordered enrolled; Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Establishing "parenting plan" requirement that may affect how a school handles release of student records to non-custodial parents and Board policy may need update to incorporate changes—important for student services/legal offices to review.

SB 2654 Relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder

Geller

Autism Spectrum Disorder [EPCC]; Cites this act as the "Steven A. Geller Autism Coverage Act." Requires health insurance plans to provide coverage for screening, diagnosis, intervention, and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in certain children. Prohibits an insurer from denying or refusing coverage or refusing to renew or reissue or terminate coverage based on a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2009.

5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Amendment Adopted (697284); Concurred with Amendment as Amended (370293); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages; Received from Messages; Amendment Adopted (711507); Concurred with Amendment as Adopted (697284); Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); In Senate returning messages; Received from Messages; Refused to Concur, request House to recede; In returning House messages; Received from Messages; Receded from Amendments (711507); Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled

Provides level of health insurance for diagnosis, treatment of children with autism spectrum disorder; Such students are also eligible for McKay Scholarships as autism is defined as an ESE intellectual disability.

HB 5001 Relating to Appropriations

Policy & Budget Council

Appropriations: Provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2008, & ending June 30, 2009, to pay salaries, & other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government. Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect July 1, 2008, or upon becoming law, whichever occurs later; however, if this act becomes law after July 1, 2008, then it shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2008.

5/2/2008 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (137461); Passed (Vote: 32 Yeas / 8 Nays)

General Appropriations Act (GAA) for 2008-2009 and includes all funding for public education. Separate Chart; refer to Final Conference Report for House Bill 5001, April 28, 2008, Public School Funding for county-by-county and statewide details; average of 1.83% reduction per county from current year, adjusted March, 2008;

HB 5003 Relating to Implementing the 2008-2009 Appropriations Act

Policy & Budget Council

Implementing the 2008-2009 Appropriations Act: Implements 2008-2009 General Appropriations Act; revises provisions relating to education, health & human services, criminal justice & corrections, juvenile justice, judicial administration, insurance, emergency management, environmental restoration, & general government. Effective Date: July 1, 2008; or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2008

5/2/2008 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (179107); Passed (Vote: 33 Yeas / 7 Nays); House Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Implementing Bill for HB5001; references above FEFP "run" as the official work document for distribution of funds to school districts.

HB 5063 Relating to Retirement

Government Efficiency &
Accountability Council

Retirement: Revises payroll contribution rates for membership classes of FRS for state fiscal years effective July 1, 2008, & July 1, 2009; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

5/2/2008 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (011303); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Maintains current year FRS employer rate contribution schedule for regular, senior management, at risk and DROP categories.

HB 5083 Relating to Education

Policy & Budget Council

Education: Deletes salary supplements for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification from definition of compensation under FRS; excludes charter school Merit Award Program funds from calculation of administrative fees; revises funding for dual enrollment instruction; authorizes transfer of certain categorical funds for academic classroom instruction; revises requirements for school district expenditure of revenue generated by district school tax millage; revises Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program; eliminates fee subsidy for NBPTS certification, portfolio preparation incentive, bonus for mentoring & related services, & employer's share of FRS contributions; revises requirements for teacher bonus; provides for future expiration of certain provisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

5/2/2008 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report Adopted (492641); Passed (Vote: 28 Yeas / 9 Nays); House Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Conforming Bill for HB5001 concerning education issues; maintains class size reduction at school average for FY09; counts dual enrollment funding at 1.0 within the 900 hours/year; reduces funding for A-P, I-B and AICE course completion by 1/3 from a value of .24 to .16 for next year; caps local millage for capital outlay at 1.75 mills and transfers the equivalent to operating Required Local Effort (for one year); continues to allow districts having met CSR reduction requirements for facilities for FY09 to use up to \$65/FTE for property/casualty insurance and certain vehicle purchases; continues option for districts to submit Merit Award Program (MAP) plan; does not fund application fee for National Board Teacher Certification, nor fund mentoring program—does fund the incentive stipend and gives school districts the option of making up the difference.

HB 7009 Relating to Special Appropriations

Policy & Budget Council

Special Appropriations: Provides appropriations & reductions in appropriations for 2007 -2008 fiscal year, to pay salaries, & other expenses, capital outlay – buildings, & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government. Effective Date: March 14, 2008.

3/14/2008 ----- Approved by Governor, Chapter No. 2008 -1

2nd FY08 budget reduction; reduced funding average of 1.33% from previous October due to revenue shortfalls; Full GAA issued and revised FEFP Conference Report by -county run.

HB 7033 Relating to Pub. Rec./Complaint of Discrimination

Government Efficiency & Accountability Council

Pub. Rec./Complaint of Discrimination: Transfers provisions which provide public records exemption for complaints & other records in custody of any agency in executive branch of state government which relate to complaint of discrimination; expands exemption to provide for applicability to any agency rather than any agency in executive branch of state government; provides for review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: Not Specified

5/1/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

Broadens from state agency to any agency the citizen option to file a discrimination complaint against such agency, including school district; information is exempt until a finding of probable cause, it becomes inactive or becomes part of a court proceeding.

HB 7067 Relating to Virtual Education

Schools & Learning Council

Virtual Education: Provides that K-8 virtual schools are public schools & a public school choice option; establishes school district K-8 Virtual School Program; requires school districts to offer program beginning with 2009-2010 school year; provides requirements for contracted providers & requires DOE approval of district programs; requires participation in statewide assessment & accountability programs; provides for funding through FEFP, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2008, except as otherwise provided

5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Amendments Adopted (946918, 853650, 515614, 428985, 045342); Concurred with Amendment(s) (428985); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages; Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendments (946918, 045342, 853650, 515614); Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Beginning in 2009-2010, school districts shall, through any one of a number of means, provide students with the option of virtual K-8 full-time or grades 9-12 full or part-time instruction; options are running the programs within the district, contracting with a provider or operating through a regional consortium; Grades 9-12 also address juvenile justice, drop-out prevention and career education programs; charter schools are authorized to participate through the district or through the Department of Education. School districts may offer the programs in 2008-2009, but are not required to do so.

HB 7077 Relating to Child Protection

Healthcare Council

Child Protection: Authorizes DCFS to adopt rules providing for locating & recovering missing children who are involved with DCFS; requires criminal history check of persons being considered for placement of child to include search of DCFS's automated abuse information system; provides for additional methods of reporting suspected child abuse, abandonment, & neglect; provides additional conditions for injunction to protect child from domestic violence; limits court to one order adjudicating dependency; provides for DHSMV to provide DCFS access to certain information; provides for alternative coverage in lieu of personal motor vehicle insurance for certain automobiles used for agency business; provides certain exceptions to requirements that child protective investigation be closed within 60 days; extends time period for reorganization of DCFS. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

5/2/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (590895); Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

DCFS is required to report any incidents of children exhibiting inappropriate sexual behavior to the local school superintendent; the definition of child abuse for purposes of prevention training in the school district is modified. Bill of interest to student services staff.

HB 7097 Relating to Trust Funds/Creation/Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund/SBA

Government Efficiency & Accountability Council

Trust Funds/Creation/Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund/SBA: Creates Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund within SBA; provides method of funding; provides for transfer of funds; permits carryforward of funds; provides for termination upon self-liquidation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

5/2/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 1 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

Second bill related to SBA investment fund (cf. SB2422).

HB 7105 Relating to Postsecondary Distance Learning

Schools & Learning Council

Postsecondary Distance Learning: Establishes Florida Distance Learning Task Force; provides membership & duties; establishes Florida Higher Education Distance Learning Catalog; requires Florida Distance Learning Consortium to establish guidelines & procedures relating to distance learning courses & programs; authorizes community colleges & state universities to assess distance learning course user fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

4/28/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

Creates statewide Florida Distance Learning Task Force to make recommendations on improving and enhancing online undergraduate programs; has implications for dual enrollment and early entry students down the road;

HB 7113 Relating to Department of Law Enforcement

Safety & Security Council

Department of Law Enforcement: Provides that fingerprints submitted for background screening that are identified with those of person having criminal history are available for purposes & uses authorized for arrest fingerprint cards; clarifies provisions relating to fees charged for criminal history information requests; authorizes electronic submission of certain screening requests; requires qualified entity to maintain signed waiver allowing release of state & national criminal history record information to qualified entity; revises information to be included in application for administrative expunction of any nonjudicial record of arrest of minor or adult made contrary to law or by mistake; permits specified officials to make application for administrative expunction; provides additional circumstances in which person may not lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge arrests covered by expunged criminal history record; provides that sealed criminal history records may be available to judges in state courts system for specified purposes; adds DCFS secretary to Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Systems Council; revises council duties; revises... Effective Date: July 1, 2008

5/2/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Criminal Justice; Substituted for SB 0838; Read Second Time;

Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Order enrolled

Of interest of districts having school resource or police officers, particularly related to background databases and sharing of information.

HB 7135 Relating to Energy

Environment & Natural
Resources Council

Energy: Provides that it is intent of Legislature for court, when practicable, to conduct hearing & issue order on petition for taking within specified time; authorizes EOG to include in state comprehensive plan goals, objectives, & policies related to energy & global climate change; requires each terminal supplier, importer, blender, & wholesaler to provide in report to DOR number of gallons of blended & unblended gasoline sold, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2008, except as otherwise provided
5/7/2008 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

Train of bills and amendments for Energy policy; contains requirements for school districts and other local agencies to be built to LEED standards where architectural plans begin after July 1, 2008; provides incentives through grants from the newly created Florida Energy and Climate Commission which will develop rules; Florida DOE, charged with raising private funds, to give recognition grants to students, teachers, schools or school boards (will need to wait to see details from the two agencies)