

2018 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

St. Johns County School Board Workshop

May 1, 2018



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

FUNDING

- Support the restoration of the local capital outlay millage authority to 2.0 mills by a majority vote of the locally elected school board.
 - No Movement
- Maintain the fiscal year 2017-2018 Required Local Effort rate, resulting in an increase in per student funding.
 - Allowance for new construction factored into the roll back of the RLE.



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

FUNDING

- Provide adequate funding systems to address increasing behavioral, mental and physical health needs of our students.
 - Creation of the mental health assistance categorical - \$69 million – SJCSD receiving \$995K (SB 7026)
- Support additional funding and programmatic opportunities for VPK and early learning programs.
 - Only workload adjustments made in VPK funding

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

STATE POLICY

- Provide flexibility to school boards with capital outlay revenue for new school construction by excluding local capital outlay revenue sources from the statutory per student station cost caps.
 - Costs associated with school hardening will be exempt from the caps up to 2% of the total project cost. (SB 7026)
- Support parity in district virtual programs by allowing them to operate with the same calendar freedom as Florida Virtual School by ensuring consistency in funding throughout both the regular and summer terms.
 - No Movement



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

STATE POLICY

- Exempt before and aftercare programs and programs accepting school readiness funds that are run by a school district from recently required additional background screening, training and facility requirements which have proven to be costly and duplicative.
 - No Movement
- Expand opportunities for advanced degree supplements to be granted by school districts for a Master's degree earned in a classroom oriented, student centered general education majors such as Curriculum and Instruction or Teaching and Learning.
 - No Movement



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

STATE POLICY

- Restore the feedback practices for writing on the state assessment.
 - Advised with new FSA score reports we may not need this.
- Support the inclusion of the Florida General Knowledge test for individuals pursuing a teaching certification on the CAPE Industry Certification funding list.
 - No Movement



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

FEDERAL

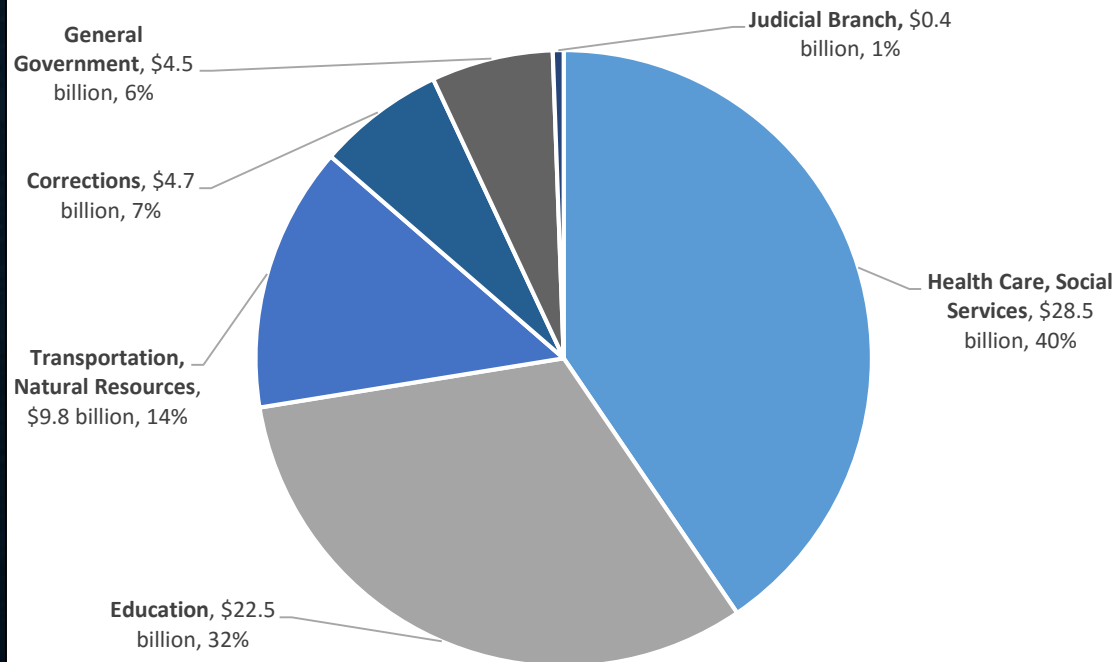
- Support the repeal of federal sequestration for education programs.
 - No Movement

HB 5001 – GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

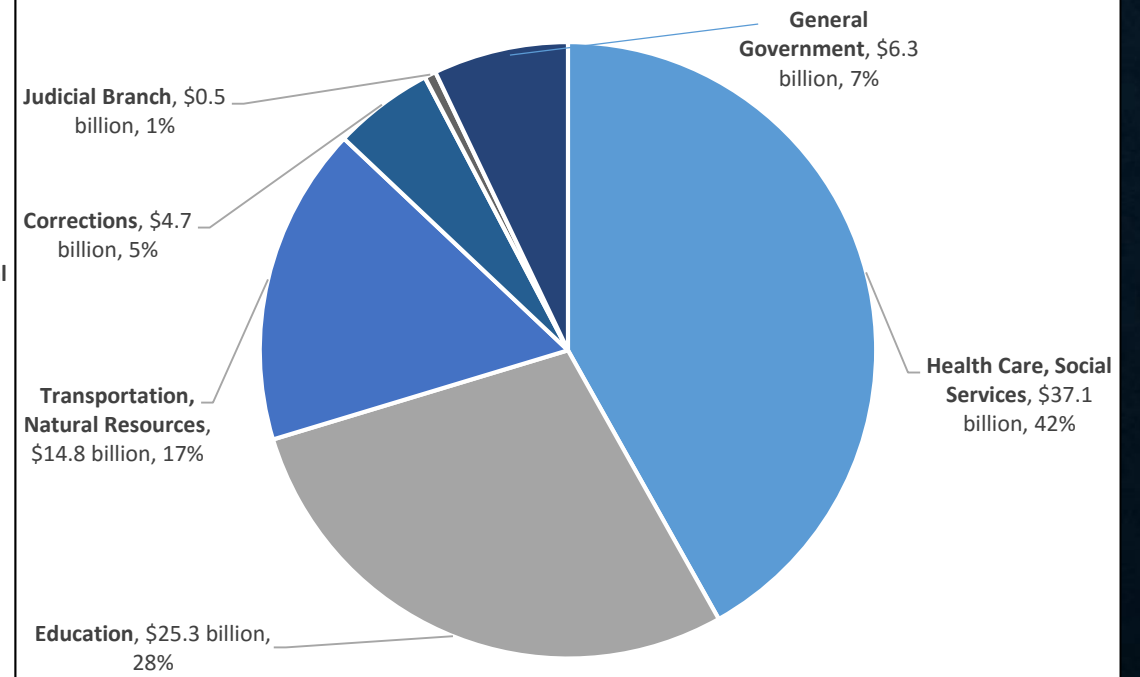


GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

2010-11 Budget - \$70.4 Billion



2018-19 Budget - \$87.7 Billion



HB 5001 – GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Public Schools/K12 FEFP Total Funding

- Total Funding: \$21.1 billion - \$11.9 billion state funds; \$9.2 billion local funds
- FEFP Increase of \$484.8 million or 2.35%.
- Per student funding of \$7,408.13 – an increase of \$101.50 or 1.39%
- RLE Millage reduction of 0.217 mills from 4.308 to 4.091 to provide property tax relief of \$375.6 million



FEFP HIGHLIGHTS

- \$97.5 million additional funds for Safe Schools allocation for a total of \$162 million.
- \$69.2 million for the Mental Health Assistance Allocation.
- \$56.8 million for the Funding Compression Allocation - \$1.4 million for SJCSD.
- \$29.1 million additional funds for class size enrollment growth for a total of \$3.1 billion.
- \$8.9 million additional funds for Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Allocation for a total of \$54.1 million.



PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES FUNDED

- \$233.9 million for The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher and Principals Scholarship Program.
- \$25 million additional funds for Gardiner Scholarship Program for a total of \$128.34 million.
- \$140 million for Schools of Hope.
- \$2.0 million for Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools.



HB 5001 – GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Fixed Capital Outlay - \$1.86 billion

- \$277.9 million for Maintenance, Repair, Renovation and Remodeling, includes:
 - \$50 million for Public Schools
 - \$145.3 million for Charter Schools
 - \$35.4 million for the Florida College System
 - \$3.4 million for Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
 - \$31.4 million for Special Facility Construction Account projects
 - \$30.9 million for Florida College System projects
- \$1.14 billion for Debt Service



K-12 EDUCATION IMPACTING LEGISLATION

- HB 29 – Military and Veterans Affairs
- HB 165 – Written Threats to Conduct Mass Shootings or Acts of Terrorism – In SB 7026
- HB 495 – K-12 Public Education
- HB 731 – Home Education
- HB 1091 – Early Learning
- HB 1279 – School District Accountability
- SB 7026 – Public Safety
- HB 7055 - Education



HB 29 – MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS



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- The bill requires the DOE to extend the validity period of a temporary certificate for two years if the requirements for the professional certificate, not including the general knowledge requirement, have not been fulfilled due to the military service of an applicant's spouse.
- Creates a pathway for veterans to become school principals.
- Waives initial general knowledge, professional education, and subject area examination fees and certification fees for certain military individuals.
- Requires the DOE coordinate outreach efforts to educate veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities.



HB 29 - MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

- Allows ROTC instructors to receive funds through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program.
- Authorizes the Governor to designate March 25th as “Medal of Honor Day” and encourages public officials, schools, and others to commemorate Medal of Honor Day.
- The bill also states that a character development program that incorporates the values of the Congressional Medal of Honor meets the instructional requirements related to character development and the sacrifices made by veterans.



HB 495 – K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION



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DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (DROP)

- Extends participation in DROP for instructional and administrative personnel beyond the 60-month period to have a termination date that is the last day of the last calendar month of the school year

HB 495 – K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Defines a computer science course as the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, hardware and software designs, applications, and their impact on society, and includes computer coding and computer programming.
- Requires all middle and high schools (and K-8s) to provide access to computer science courses.
- Requires FLVS to offer computer science courses a school district does not offer.
- Requires the DOE to identify computer science courses by July 1, 2018.



HB 495 – K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- The bill establishes a grant program to provide training to teachers to earn computer science educator certificates and industry certifications and provides a yearly bonus to teachers with a computer science educator certificate or industry certification who complete an authorized course, for up to 3 years.
- Funding for the teacher training grant program and teacher bonus program are subject to appropriation.
- No funds appropriated for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.



HB 495 – K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

STUDENT SAFETY

- The bill creates a second-degree felony for an authority figure who solicits or engages in sexual, romantic or lewd conduct with a student enrolled at a school, regardless of the student's age.
- Requires school district to report misconduct even if the teacher is no longer employed by the district.
- The bill includes school bus in the definition of school for purposes of trespassing on school grounds.
- The bill expands the EPC's disciplinary authority to include a person who violates test security and a person who has adjudication withheld for, been found guilty of, or pled guilty to a misdemeanor, felony, or other criminal charge.



HB 495 – K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

STUDENT SAFETY

- The bill requires that board policies include the duty to report misconduct of engaging in or soliciting sexual, romantic, or lewd conduct with a student.
- The policy must require the superintendent to report to law enforcement any misconduct by school district personnel that would result in disqualification from educator certification or employment.
- A school board member who knowingly fails to adopt a policy requiring the superintendent to report disqualifying misconduct forfeits his or her salary for 1 year.
- A district superintendent who fails to report disqualifying conduct to law enforcement also forfeits his or her salary for 1 year.



HB 495 – K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

AP, IB, AICE COURSES

- The bill also specifies that students who are enrolled in an Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Advanced International Certificate Education course and earn the minimum score necessary to earn college credit are not required to take the state end-of-course assessment for that subject.

HB 731 – HOME EDUCATION



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- Clarifies a “Home Education Program” is not a school district program and is registered with the district only for the purpose of complying with the state’s attendance requirements.
- Prohibits a district from assigning a grade level to the home education student or including a social security number or any other personal information of the student(s) in a district or state database unless that student chooses to participate in a district program or service.
- The bill specifies the parent shall determine the content of the required portfolio and shall make it available “if requested” by the district.



HB 731 – HOME EDUCATION

- The bill authorizes a district to provide access to career and technical courses and programs for a home education program student who enrolls in a public school solely for the career and technical courses or programs.
- Districts who do provide the courses shall report students and funding shall be provided through the FEFP.

HB 731 – HOME EDUCATION

- The bill requires districts to make available and notify home education students of the date, time and availability of industry certifications, national assessments and statewide standardized assessments.
- A home education student must notify the district of the intent to take the available certificates or assessments.
- Prohibits a district from further regulating, exercising control over, or requiring documentation from parents of home education students beyond the requirements of this section unless it is necessary for participation in a district program.

HB 1091 – EARLY LEARNING



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- The bill revises provisions related to the School Readiness program, which subsidizes child care services and early childhood education for children of low-income families; children in protective services who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or abandonment; and children with disabilities.
- The bill expands the definition of “at-risk” for eligibility purposes.
- Requires the Office of Early Learning (OEL) to identify observation-based child assessments.
- Requires OEL to adopt program assessment requirements that measure teacher-child interactions.



HB 1091 – EARLY LEARNING

- The bill establishes a payment differential of up to 15 percent based on program assessment results with no more than 5% of the 15% allocated based on submission of data by providers that implement an observation based child assessment identified by OEL.
- Requires OEL's annual report to include data on the number of providers who have completed the program assessment and the number of providers who have not met the minimum threshold for contracting, have been granted an exemption, or have an active improvement plan based on the results of the program assessment.

HB 1091 – EARLY LEARNING

- Requires Early Learning Coalitions (ELCs) to establish local eligibility priorities and include them in their biennial School Readiness plans.
- Requires an ELC's biennial plan to include procedures for the use of contracted slots, a description of quality improvement strategies, and the results of a community needs assessment.
- The bill requires School Readiness providers to participate in a program assessment and allows the award of grants and financial supports to providers and instructors to meet program assessment requirements.

HB 1279 – SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY



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To increase fiscal transparency of educational spending, the bill:

- Requires school boards to provide financial efficiency data and fiscal trend information.
- Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a web-based tool that identifies schools and districts with high academic achievement based on per pupil expenditures.
- Requires school boards to provide a full explanation of, and approve, any budget amendment.



HB 1279 – SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

To increase fiscal accountability of districts, the bill:

- Requires districts with revenues over \$500 million to employ an internal auditor.
- Requires districts with low ending fund balances to reduce administrative costs and other expenditures.
- Requires districts with financial emergency conditions to withhold the salaries of school board members and the superintendent.
- Requires an investigation of districts who are unable to timely pay current debts and liabilities.
- Requires school districts with operational audit findings to initiate and complete corrective action.



HB 1279 – SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

The bill also:

- Prohibits appointed, along with elected superintendents, from lobbying school districts for two years.
- Aligns school board member salaries with beginning teacher salaries or the calculated amount.
- Requires prior school board approval for reimbursement of out-of-district travel expenses exceeding \$500.
- Authorizes withholding a portion of an employee's salary who owes a public financial disclosure fine.
- Prohibits superintendents, along with school board members, from employing or appointing a relative.



SB 7026 – PUBLIC SAFETY

“MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SAFETY ACT”

Covered During April 24, 2018 School Board Workshop



HB 7055 – EDUCATION



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

FLORIDA SALES TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Creates the Florida Sales Tax Credit Scholarship program.
- Allows eligible businesses to contribute a portion of their rental or license fee tax to a SFO for Tax Credit Scholarships or Gardiner Scholarships.
- Funds may not be used for Gardiner Scholarships unless all of the funds appropriated to the SFO in a fiscal year for that purpose are used. Once appropriations are exhausted, contributions must be used for Gardiner Scholarships. Remaining contributions may be used for Tax Credit Scholarships.
- Caps revenue at \$57.7 million.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

COMMISSIONER EMERGENCY COORDINATION

- To enable school districts to safely reopen as soon as possible after an emergency situation, the bill authorizes the Commissioner of Education to coordinate with districts and other specified educational entities to assess their need for resources and assistance.

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

- Allows a charter school to determine when they open once they've been approved and authorizes them to defer opening for three years, rather than two.
- The bill revises the initial term of the charter to 5 years (previously 4 or 5) excluding 2 planning years.
- Increases the standard for termination or nonrenewal of a charter to “clear and convincing” evidence that one of the disqualifying factors occurred and a “material” violation of law to constitute a disqualifying factor.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

- Removes the district hearing option for a termination hearing and requires the hearing to go straight to DOAH within 90 days of receipt of request for a hearing - authorizes attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party.
- Charter governing board may appeal the decision within 30 calendar days of receiving the judge's final order.
- The bill revises the ability of charter schools to modify their charter due to consolidation – a charter that is not required to complete a school improvement plan and closes as part of a consolidation must be reported by the district as a consolidation.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT DISPUTES

AND BACKGROUND SCREENINGS

- The bill requires a dispute over contracted services that cannot be resolved through mediation, go to DOAH instead of the charter appeals commission. The administrative law judge has final order authority and shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees.
- Provides a district school board shall reimburse a charter school the cost of background screenings if notice of eligibility is not provided within 14 days after receipt of the results from FDLE or within 30 days after submission of request from the charter school to the district – whichever is less.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Amends enrollment limitations for specific target populations – students living in a development in which a business entity provides the school facility with an appraised value of at least \$5 million (previously \$10 million) to be used as a charter to mitigate the educational impact of new residential dwelling units. Students shall be entitled to no more than 50% of student stations.
- Requires districts to provide to the DOE by September 15 each year the total amount of funding withheld from charters in administrative fees.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Requires surplus, marked for disposal or otherwise unused school district property to be made available to charters in the same basis as its made available to other public schools in the district.
- A charter school may not dispose of property without written permission of the school district.
- The bill authorizes a charter school or charter management organization to establish level I and level II leader preparation programs.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

HIGH PERFORMING CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Reduces the number of years before which a school can be designated high performing – school received at least two consecutive grades of “A” in the most recent two years.
- Clarifies that facility capacity shall be calculated at the time the enrollment increase will take effect, rather than the original capacity of the facility – allows a charter to increase enrollment if they expand their facility or have access to additional facilities.
- Allows high-performing charter schools to replicate two charter schools in the state each year.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- The bill streamlines and consolidates private school eligibility, DOE obligations, and commissioner authority regarding the McKay, Florida Tax Credit, and Gardiner Scholarship programs.
- The bill applies requirements and responsibilities consistently across all three programs.
- The bill introduces new accountability measures and strengthens current requirements as follows:
 - Requires the DOE to conduct site visits for new private schools entering a scholarship program.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- Authorizes the DOE to conduct site visits to any school that has had a complaint filed regarding a violation of state law or state board rule;
- Requires private schools to provide, at a minimum, written information to the parents regarding the school's services and programs, and the qualifications of classroom teachers;
- Requires private schools to provide the parent with a quarterly report of the student's progress, rather than just an annual report;
- Includes scholarship programs as an entity that must file a complaint to DOE if allegations arise against a certified employee.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- Requires the owner or operator of a private school that intends to transfer ownership of the school to notify the parents at least 30 calendar days in advance of the transfer;
- Prohibits an owner or operator that was deemed ineligible to participate from transferring ownership or management authority to a relative in order to continue participation in a scholarship program; and
- Requires a private school, if it receives more than \$250,000 in total scholarship program funds in a fiscal year, to submit an annual financial report to the SFO or the DOE, as applicable.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, contingent upon funds, the bill creates the Hope Scholarship program.
- A K-12 student enrolled full time in a public school who is a victim of an incident of battery; harassment; hazing; bullying; kidnapping; physical attack; robbery; sexual offenses, harassment, assault, or battery; threat or intimidation; or fighting at school is eligible for the scholarship.
- The scholarship allows a student to transfer to private school or another public school in the state, which must have available capacity.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Scholarships awarded on a first come, first-served basis and remain in force until the student returns to public school or graduates from high school, whichever occurs first.
- Once an incident is reported, the school principal or their designee must provide a copy of the incident report to the parent and investigate the incident to determine if it must be reported to the DOE.
- Within 24 hours after receipt of the report, the principal or designee must provide a copy of the report to the parent of the alleged offender and to the superintendent.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Upon conclusion of the investigation or within 15 days after receipt of the report of the incident, whichever occurs first, the district must notify the parent of the HSP and offer that parent an opportunity to enroll their student in another public school or to receive a Hope Scholarship to attend an eligible private school.
- If the student enrolls in a public school outside the district, the student is eligible for a transportation scholarship limited to \$750.
- If a Hope scholarship student chooses to take a Florida statewide, standardized assessment, the district in which the student resides must notify the student and his/her parent of the locations/times to take all statewide assessments.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- The scholarship program is funded through eligible tax credits against any tax due for the purchase or acquisition of a motor vehicle on or after October 1, 2018.
- The tax credit is limited to a single payment of \$105.
- The scholarship amount is calculated as a percentage of the unweighted FTE as follows:
 - Eighty-eight percent for students in grades K-5.
 - Ninety-two percent for students in grades 6-8.
 - Ninety-six percent for students enrolled in grades 9-12



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

READING SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

- The bill creates a \$500 scholarship for students who score below a level 3 on the grade 3 or 4 FSA ELA for specific tutoring services.
- Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first-served basis, with ELL students receiving priority.
- Qualifying expenditures include instructional materials, curriculum, tuition and fees for part-time tutoring services, and fees for summer education programs and after-school education programs designed to improve reading or literacy skills.
- Districts must notify eligible students of the availability of the scholarship.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

EARLY LEARNING COALITIONS

- Authorizes an Early Learning Coalition to refuse to contract with a school readiness program provider or a private VPK provider or revoke the provider's eligibility to deliver the program if they have been cited for a class I violation.

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

DISPLAY OF THE STATE MOTTO

- Requires school boards to adopt rules to require all schools in the district to display the state motto in a conspicuous place.
- The state motto is “In God We Trust.”

HB 7055 - EDUCATION

SCHOOL WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION POLICIES

- CPR instruction must allow students to practice the psychomotor skills association with performing CPR and use an AED when a school district has the equipment necessary to perform the instruction.

HB 7055 - EDUCATION

PARTICIPATION IN INTER/INTRASCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Home education students, Charter school students, and FLVS students must register with the school their intent to participate before “participation” in the activity.
- This allows a student to begin participation in an activity after the start of the season.

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

- Students may not be limited in the number of dual enrollment courses a student may enroll in based solely upon enrollment by the student at an independent postsecondary institution.
- Removes requirement for home education students to provide their own instructional materials for dual enrollment courses.
- A high school GPA may not be required for home education students to participate in dual enrollment courses.

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- The bill specifies that the statewide, standardized assessments published by the DOE must be developed in a format that facilitates sharing of assessment items.
- The bill requires grade level core curricula content from Social Studies be incorporated into reading and writing prompts for ELA assessments.
- The bill requires districts to make available industry certification exams, national assessments, and statewide assessments offered by districts to FLVS students.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

SAI ALLOCATION

- Each district with a school earning a grade of “D” or “F” must use SAI funds to implement intervention and support strategies for school improvement and salary incentives or supplements.
- Requires a MOU between the union and the school board that addresses the selection, placement, and expectations of instructional personnel and administrators.
- Each district with one or more of the lowest 300 elementary schools based on a 3-year average of the state reading assessment data must use that school’s dollars to provide an additional hour per day of intensive reading.
- The additional hour may be provided within the school day and Level 4 and 5 students may opt out.
- Adds drop-out prevention programs to the list of allowable uses of funds.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

CAPE BONUS FUNDS

AND CATEGORICAL FUNDS

- Bonus funds may not be awarded to a teacher who fails to maintain security of an assessment or who otherwise violates the security or administration protocol of any assessment instrument that may result in a bonus being awarded to the teacher
- The bill allows a school board by resolution to use transportation funds to maintain academic instruction or improve school safety (removes safe schools and SAI from the list).

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

READING ALLOCATION

- 3-year average for lowest 300 and provides extra hour may be done during the school day. Adds level 4 students to those who may opt out.
- Provides only certified or reading endorsed personnel may be used to teach summer reading camps.
- Provides only materials that are identified by the office of Just Read! Florida may be purchased with reading allocation funds.
- Requires the following provision to be part of the district's reading plan – beginning in 2020-2021 school year, interventions must be delivered by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading and must incorporate specific strategies identified by Just Read! Florida.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

PRINCIPAL AUTONOMY PROGRAM INITIATIVE

- Expands PAPPI from a 3-year pilot to a statewide program and beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, (contingent on available funds), allows any district to submit a proposal to the SBE by December 1.
- If approved, the district may participate in the program for 3 years.
- The bill also creates district innovation academies and zones to allow participating principals to manage multiple schools.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

EQUITY IN SCHOOL-LEVEL FUNDING ACT –

TITLE I “FIX”

- Authorizes funds to be used at high schools above the 50% threshold as permitted by federal law.
- Increases the administrative expenses cap from 8% to 10% - including indirect costs.
- Authorizes 1% of funds to be used for eligible schools to provide educational services in accordance with Title I plan.
- Provides carry forward funds are not subject to the requirements of this statute.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS –

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

- Before the start of the 2019-2020 school year each school district and certified collective bargaining unit shall negotiate a MOU that addresses the selection, placement, and expectations of instructional personnel and provides school principals with the same autonomy over budgetary and personnel decisions as principals participating in the Principal Autonomy Program Initiative (PAPPI).
- The bill requires recertification of teachers unions if their membership is less than 50% of the employees eligible for representation in the unit.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

BEST AND BRIGHTEST TEACHER

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Clarifies that a classroom teacher who qualifies for a Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship but is reassigned to a non-classroom teacher position in the district before the award is disbursed may still receive the award.

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL PLANT SURVEY

- The bill ensures that school districts may expend local dollars on new construction without a survey recommendation.
- These local dollars include:
 - The local capital outlay improvement fund, consisting of funds that come from and are a part of the district's basic operating budget.
 - Voted bond referendum
 - One-half cent sales surtax revenue
 - One-cent local governmental surtax revenue
 - Impact fees
 - Private gifts or donations



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION FLEXIBILITY

- The bill expands the available exemptions from SREF a district school board may adopt.
- In essence the bill authorizes school districts to operate in a facility on the same basis as a charter school if the regional planning council determines that there is sufficient shelter capacity within the district as documented in the Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan.

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING

- Modifies the calculation for distribution of capital outlay funds for charter schools.
- For the 2018-2019 fiscal year charter school capital outlay funding shall consist of state funds appropriated in the 2018-2019 GAA (\$145,286,200)
- Beginning in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, funding shall consist of state funds when such funds are appropriated and revenue resulting from district LCI if the amount of state funds is less than the average charter capital outlay funds per UFTE for the 2018-2019 fiscal year multiplied by the estimated number of charter school students for the applicable fiscal year adjusted by the change in the CPI from the previous year.



HB 7055 – EDUCATION

APPROPRIATIONS

- \$9.7 million allocated for reading scholarships
- \$300k for admin fee pursuant to s. 1002.411(7)(g)
- \$2 million to implement Hope Scholarships
- \$950k to implement additional oversight requirements of s. 1002.421
- \$250k to issue a competitive grant award pursuant to s. 1002.385(9)

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

APPROPRIATIONS

- \$550k for home education students' dual enrollment instructional materials
- \$100k to implement the provisions of s. 1011.051(2)(b) as provided in HB 1279
- \$150k to DOR to implement the creation of s. 212.099

HB 7055 – EDUCATION

MSDHS ACCOUNTABILITY

- Provides an exemption for MSDHS from taking the FSA and from the minimum hours of instruction required by statute.
- Provides the school's grade of "A" from the 2016-2017 school year will be used for the 2017-2018 school year to maintain eligibility for designation as a school of excellence.

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION



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- The Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) convenes once every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution and propose changes for voter consideration.
- Composed of 37 Commissioners.
- The CRC met for approximately one year, traveling across the State, identifying issues, performing research and recommending changes to the Florida Constitution.
- Proposed constitutional revisions on the ballot must secure at least 60 percent voter approval to become law.



CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

- P 6001: Rights of Crime Victims; Judges
- P 6002: First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities
- P 6003: School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools
- P 6004: Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces
- P 6005: State and Local Government Structure and Operation
- P 6006: Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes
- P 6007: Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers
- P 6012: Ends Dog Racing



CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

Proposal 6003

- School Board Member Term limits of 8 years.
- Directing the legislature to provide by law for the promotion of civic literacy.
- The school board shall operate, control, and supervise all free public schools established by the district school board within the school district.

