

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION PRE-K - 12
Senator Wise, Chair
Senator Bullard, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2012

TIME: 3:30 —5:30 p.m.

PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Wise, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Altman, Benacquisto, Bogdanoff, and Montford

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Presentation on Project Child		Presented
1	SB 1314 Gaetz	Career-themed Courses; Revising provisions relating to the Florida Career and Professional Education Act; requiring that each district school board, in collaboration with regional workforce boards, economic development agencies, and postsecondary institutions, develop a strategic 3-year plan addressing and meeting local and regional workforce demands; requiring that students who complete career-themed courses receive a standard high school diploma, the highest available industry certification, and opportunities to earn postsecondary credit if the career-themed course credits can be articulated to a postsecondary institution; revising provisions relating to the computation of the annual allocation of funds to each school district for operation, etc. ED 01/24/2012 Favorable CM BC	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
2	SB 1366 Gaetz	Education; Requiring that the Department of Economic Opportunity prepare, or contract with an entity to prepare, an economic security report of employment and earning outcomes for degrees earned at a state university; requiring that the Department of Economic Opportunity, in coordination with Workforce Florida, Inc., recruit students who meet specified requirements and match them to potential employers; requiring that the Department of Economic Opportunity refer secondary school students who have been identified as having earned an industry certification in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to an online registration website or a private placement service that links the student to information, resources, and employment opportunities, etc. ED 01/24/2012 Fav/CS HE BC	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 0

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3	SB 1718 Benacquisto (Identical H 1191)	Parent Empowerment in Education; Providing the right of parents of public school students who are assigned to certain underperforming schools to direct the school district to implement a specified option for school improvement; creating the Parent Empowerment Act; providing criteria for a petition by parents requesting a specified school improvement option to be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval; requiring that a school district submit to the State Board of Education a plan implementing the school improvement option selected by parents in lieu of the school district school improvement option, etc. ED 01/24/2012 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 0
Presentation on Zero Tolerance			Presented
4	SB 1886 Wise (Identical H 1445)	Zero Tolerance for Crime and Victimization in Schools; Requiring that each district school board adopt a policy for reporting to a law enforcement agency acts that pose a serious threat to school safety; requiring that acts that do not pose a serious threat to school safety be handled within the school's disciplinary system; requiring that a child accused of a misdemeanor offense not be arrested and formally processed in the juvenile justice system; requiring that minor incidents be diverted from the juvenile justice system or handled within the school system's disciplinary system, etc. ED 01/24/2012 Not Considered CJ	Not Considered
5	SB 756 Wise (Similar H 111, Compare S 420)	Career Education; Revising the general requirements for middle grades promotion to require that a course in career and education planning explore Florida's Career Clusters; providing requirements for a career technical high school diploma; requiring a student and the student's parent or guardian to agree in writing to the requirements of the career diploma track; requiring an intensive reading course or remediation in mathematics for a student who does not meet certain academic standards; providing that a career technical high school diploma is a standard high school diploma for purposes of federal and state accountability requirements, etc. ED 01/24/2012 Not Considered CM BC	Not Considered

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TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointments to the offices indicated.			
State Board of Education			
6	Bradshaw, Sara "Sally" S. (Havana)	12/31/2013	Not Considered
	Desai, Akshay M. (St. Petersburg)	12/31/2014	Not Considered
	Feingold, Barbara S. (Delray Beach)	12/31/2013	Not Considered

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	Other Related Meeting Materials		