

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION
Senator Legg, Chair
Senator Montford, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2014

TIME: 9:00 —11:00 a.m.

PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Legg, Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Brandes, Bullard, Galvano, Sachs, Simmons, and Stargel

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 138 Ring (Identical H 57)	Meetings of District School Boards; Requiring district school boards to convene at least one regular meeting during the evening hours each quarter during the school year and to establish written criteria for convening such a meeting; providing that a district school board is deemed to be in compliance under certain circumstances; revising requirements for calling a special meeting, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Favorable CA	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
2	SB 212 Hukill (Compare H 367)	High School Graduation Requirements; Revising the required credits for high school graduation and a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit for instruction in personal financial literacy and seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 3
3	SB 290 Hukill (Identical H 513)	State Poet Laureate; Creating the honorary position of State Poet Laureate within the Department of State; establishing procedures for the acceptance of nominations, the qualifications and recommendation of nominees, and the appointment of the State Poet Laureate; specifying that a former poet laureate becomes a State Poet Laureate Emeritus or Emerita; providing that the State Poet Laureate, the State Poet Laureate Emeritus, and the State Poet Laureate Emerita serve without compensation, etc. GO 12/11/2013 Favorable ED 03/25/2014 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 1

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4	SB 396 Bean (Compare CS/CS/H 277)	Joint Use of Public School Facilities; Authorizing each district school board to adopt written policies to promote public access to outdoor recreation and sports facilities on school property, to increase the number of joint-use agreements, and to develop and adopt written policies and procedures for an appeal process if negotiations for a joint-use agreement fail; providing immunity from civil liability for a district school board that adopts public access policies or enters into a joint-use agreement except in instances of gross negligence or intentional misconduct, etc. ED 03/18/2014 Temporarily Postponed ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS CA JU	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
5	SB 414 Dean (Similar CS/H 993)	Public Records/Animal Medical Researchers; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personal identifying information of current and former researchers whose duties include or included experimenting on animals for the purpose of conducting life-sustaining medical research at a public research facility, including a university; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS GO RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
6	SB 420 Detert (Identical H 87, Compare H 83)	Fine Arts Courses; Requiring the Commissioner of Education to prepare an annual report relating to student access to and participation in fine arts courses and information on educators, facilities, and instruction in such courses, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
7	SB 566 Lee (Identical H 557)	Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; Requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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8	SB 628 Montford (Similar CS/H 377)	Educational Facilities Financing; Revising provisions relating to the financing of independent nonprofit higher educational facilities to include financing for private nonprofit elementary, middle, and secondary schools meeting certain criteria, etc. ED 03/18/2014 Temporarily Postponed ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS AED AP RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
9	SR 894 Sobel	Israeli Universities and Institutions of Higher Learning; Expressing opposition to the academic boycott of Israeli universities and institutions of higher learning, and support of academic and political freedom and collaboration with Israeli universities, etc. ED 03/11/2014 Temporarily Postponed ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
10	SB 908 Montford (Similar H 747)	Education Funding; Providing for the calculation of additional full-time equivalent student membership based on enrollment in Advancement Via Individual Determination elective classes and examination scores; providing for the use of funds, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
11	SB 1060 Evers (Similar H 7029)	Code of Student Conduct; Providing that simulating a firearm or weapon while playing or wearing certain clothing or accessories is not grounds for disciplinary action or referral to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system; providing actions that constitute simulating a firearm or weapon while playing; providing criteria for determining whether certain student conduct warrants disciplinary action, etc. CJ 03/03/2014 Favorable ED 03/25/2014 Favorable JU	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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12	SB 1202 Montford (Compare H 5101, CS/CS/H 7057, CS/S 1400)	Career Centers and Charter Technical Career Centers; Authorizing a career center or a charter technical career center to offer college credit courses applicable toward specific certificates or degrees; renaming the applied technology diploma program as the college credit certificate program and clarifying the program; revising and clarifying tuition and fees for specific workforce education programs; authorizing a career center to offer associate in applied science degree programs, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
13	SB 1206 Montford (Compare CS/CS/H 487)	Agricultural Industry Certifications; Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to annually provide to the State Board of Education and the Department of Education information and industry certifications for farm occupations to be placed on industry certification funding lists; defining industry certification as part of career education programs; requiring placement on funding lists to determine annual funding distributions to school districts and postsecondary institutions, etc. ED 03/18/2014 Temporarily Postponed ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS AG AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
14	SB 1226 Montford (Identical H 7031, Compare H 367, CS/H 533, H 895, H 4023, H 4025, H 7001, CS/H 7117, CS/S 850, S 1446, S 1642)	Education; Requiring the Auditor General to notify the Legislative Auditing Committee if a district school board fails to take corrective action subsequent to an audit; repealing provisions relating to the Learning Gateway program; revising the definition of the term "Next Generation Sunshine State Standards"; revising Department of Education duties relating to the public broadcasting program system; revising course and assessment requirements for the award of a standard high school diploma, etc. ED 03/18/2014 Temporarily Postponed ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS AED AP RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0

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15	SB 1292 Legg	Postsecondary Education; Revising the articulated acceleration mechanisms that are available for secondary and postsecondary students attending public educational institutions to include industry certifications, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
16	SB 1394 Legg (Compare CS/S 850)	Education; Revising the requirements to earn a Merit designation on a standard high school diploma, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
17	SB 1528 Bradley (Similar H 7083)	School Choice; Revising required contents of charter school applications and charter contracts; specifying that a charter contract provision that is inconsistent with or prohibited by law is void and unenforceable; authorizing the sponsor and applicant to negotiate additional terms after approving the charter; specifying that charter schools established by certain high-performing charter school systems qualify for high-performing charter school status for the first 3 years of operation, etc. ED 03/25/2014 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 1
Consideration of proposed committee bill:			
18	SPB 7112	Postsecondary Education; Increasing the annual maximum number of scholarships that may be awarded; increasing the annual maximum award amount per student; creating the Florida National Merit Scholar Incentive Program; providing the purpose of the incentive program; requiring the Department of Education to administer the incentive program, advertise the availability of the incentive program, and notify students, teachers, parents, and school administrators about the incentive program's criteria and application procedures, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 8 Nays 0

Consideration of proposed committee bill:

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19	SPB 7114	Education; Changing the term "school readiness program" to "child care and development program," the term "school readiness" to "child care and development," and the term "family day care home" to "family child care home"; including large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; providing requirements for nonpublic schools delivering certain voluntary prekindergarten education programs and child care and development programs, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 8 Nays 0

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 appointment to the office indicated.			
State Board of Education			
20	Lipsey, Rebecca Fishman (Aventura)	12/31/2017	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University			
21	Moore, Kimberly Ann (Tallahassee)	01/06/2018	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida			
22	Martins, Alexander (Winter Park)	01/06/2016	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, New College of Florida			
23	Saputo, John W. (Longboat Key)	01/06/2018	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University			
24	Hallion, Richard P., Jr. (Shalimar)	07/15/2014	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0

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