## The Florida Senate

### COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

#### EDUCATION
Senator Passidomo, Chair
Senator Jones, Vice Chair

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021  
**TIME:** 12:30—3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building  

**MEMBERS:** Senator Passidomo, Chair; Senator Jones, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Bradley, Broxson, Diaz, Gruter, Hutson, Polsky, and Thurston

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<td>SB 86 Baxley (Compare H 281, CS/CS/S 52)</td>
<td>Student Financial Aid; Requiring that eligibility for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants be reevaluated each term and identify students' program of study; revising the formula for calculating how Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program funds are distributed; authorizing a Bright Futures Scholarship recipient to apply the unused portion of a Florida Academic Scholars award or Florida Medallion Scholars award toward graduate study for a specified academic year; establishing the Florida Bright Opportunities Grant Program; establishing the Florida Endeavor Scholarship Program, etc.</td>
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<td>SB 1372 Burgess (Similar CS/H 3)</td>
<td>Literacy Improvement; Establishing the New Worlds Reading Initiative under the Department of Education; requiring the administrator, in consultation with a specified entity, to develop a selection of books; requiring the administrator to coordinate monthly book distribution to certain students; requiring the administrator to assist with local implementation of the initiative; requiring that a certain notification include information about the initiative, etc.</td>
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ED 03/09/2021 Temporarily Postponed  
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### SB 1898
Rodriguez  
(Similar H 7011, Compare H 419, H 1159, CS/S 934, S 1282)

- **Bill Description**: Student Literacy; Revising and providing duties for the Just Read, Florida! Office within the Department of Education; requiring the Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of Early Learning, to implement a coordinated screening and progress monitoring system for students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program through grade 8; requiring certain students to participate in a certain coordinated screening and progress monitoring system; creating the “Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Act”, etc.

- **Committee Action**: 03/16/2021 Favorable

- **Yeas**: 9  
- **Nays**: 0

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### Other Related Meeting Documents