

**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, Gruters, Hutson, Polsky, and Thurston

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
		PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	Discussed
1	<b>SB 86</b> Baxley (Compare H 281, CS/CS/S 52)	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.  ED 03/09/2021 Temporarily Postponed ED 03/16/2021 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 4
2	<b>SB 1372</b> Burgess (Similar CS/H 3)	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.  ED 03/16/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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3	<b>SB 1898</b> Rodriguez (Similar H 7011, Compare H 419, H 1159, CS/S 934, S 1282)	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.  ED 03/16/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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