

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**EDUCATION**  
**Senator Gruters, Chair**  
**Senator Jones, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Gruters, Chair; Senator Jones, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Bradley, Broxson, Diaz, Hutson, Passidomo, 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

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
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**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**

1	Brown, Monesia (Tallahassee)	12/31/2024	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Grady, Thomas R. (Naples)	12/31/2022	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

**Board of Governors of the State University System**

2	Edge, Aubrey Leland (Jacksonville)	01/06/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Huizenga, H. Wayne, Jr. (Boca Raton)	01/06/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Jones, Kenneth (Tampa)	01/06/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

**Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University**

3	Cliatt, Otis (Dove Canyon)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Dortch, Thomas W., Jr. (Atlanta)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Dubose, Michael (Alpharetta)	01/06/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Harper, Kristin R. (Lewis Center)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Reed, Craig (Carmel)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Stone, II, Kenward (Savannah)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Washington, T. Nicole (Miami Beach)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

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<b>Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University</b>			
4	Cane, Daniel (Boca Raton)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida</b>			
5	Altizer, Tiffany (Orlando)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Condello, Jeffrey (Windermere)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Conte, Joseph D. (Winter Park)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Mills, Harold F. (Windermere)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida State University</b>			
6	Collins, Peter H. (Tampa)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Mateer, Craig C. (Orlando)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Sargeant, Deborah A. (Gulf Stream)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University</b>			
7	Fogg, Joseph G. III (Naples)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Montgomery, Johnny Leo (Naples)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Roepstorff, Robbie B. (Sanibel)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida International University</b>			
8	Colson, Dean C. (Miami)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Prescott, Thomas Gene (Coral Gables)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Rowe, Chanel ()	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, New College of Florida</b>			
9	Karp, Lance (Sarasota)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Mackie, Sarah S., O.D. (Palmetto)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Ruiz, Mary (Bradenton)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Stewart, James (Sarasota)	01/06/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

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<b>Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University</b>			
10	Kigel, Beth Rochelle (Miami)	07/15/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Powell, Fritzlaine (Oviedo)	07/15/2024	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Stanfield, Lynes D. (Tallahassee)	07/15/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of Florida</b>			
11	Cole, Richard P. Esquire (Coral Gables)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Corr, Christopher T. (Jacksonville)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Heavener, James W. (Winter Park)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Hosseini, Mori (Ormond Beach)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Powers, Marsha D. (Ponte Vedra Beach)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of North Florida</b>			
12	Lazzara, Christopher (Atlantic Beach)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	McElroy, Paul E. (Jacksonville)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of South Florida</b>			
13	Seixas, Melissa (Seminole)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of West Florida</b>			
14	Baker, Richard R. (Pensacola)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

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15	<b>SB 2010</b> Diaz (Similar H 7017)	Foreign Influence; Requiring any state agency or political subdivision to disclose certain gifts or grants received from any foreign source to the Department of Financial Services within a specified timeframe; requiring any entity that applies for a certain grant or proposes a certain contract to disclose to a state agency or political subdivision any current or prior interest of, contract with, or grant or gift received from a foreign country of concern under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Management Services to screen certain vendors periodically; requiring the Department of Financial Services to establish and maintain an Internet website to publish the disclosures, etc.  ED 03/23/2021 Temporarily Postponed ED 03/30/2021 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 10 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
16	<b>SPB 7070</b>	Impact of COVID-19 on Educational Institutions; Prohibiting an educational institution that has taken certain reasonably necessary actions to diminish the impact or spread of COVID-19 from being civilly liable for such actions; providing that general publications of educational institutions are not evidence of an implied contract to provide specified services during the COVID-19 public health emergency; authorizing school grades calculated during a certain school year to be used for eligibility for the Florida School Recognition Program, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 10 Nays 0
17	<b>SB 794</b> Bean (Similar CS/H 427)	Independent Living Services; Removing a provision requiring the Florida Independent Living Council to assist the Division of Blind Services of the Department of Education; requiring the council to coordinate with centers for independent living; prohibiting the council from engaging in certain activities; requiring the council to comply with state and federal laws and regulations relating to lobbying; increasing the percentage of certain revenues used to administer the James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Attendant Services and Employment Assistance Program, etc.  CF 03/16/2021 Favorable ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0

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18	<b>SB 956</b> Baxley (Identical H 1141)	Background Screenings of Athletic Coaches; Providing that an athletic coach and an independent sanctioning authority are deemed to satisfy certain background screening requirements if the coach and the independent sanctioning authority are in compliance with national industry background check standards required by specified organizations, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable CF RC	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0
19	<b>CS/SB 1108</b> Judiciary / Diaz (Similar CS/H 507)	Education; Authorizing the Department of Education to hold patents, copyrights, trademarks, and service marks; requiring certain students to take a specified assessment relating to civic literacy; requiring certain postsecondary students to complete a civic literacy course and pass a specified assessment to demonstrate competency in civic literacy; requiring school districts to provide the SAT or ACT to grade 11 students beginning in a specified school year; revising the tests that are included under test administration and security rules, etc.  JU 03/22/2021 Fav/CS ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0
20	<b>SB 1456</b> Rodrigues (Identical CS/H 311)	Public Records/Examination and Assessment Instruments; Expanding an exemption from public records requirements for examination and assessment instruments used for statewide standardized assessments and student progression to include those instruments used for statewide kindergarten screening, youth enrolled in Department of Juvenile Justice programs, limited English proficient students, civic literacy assessments, measuring minority and underrepresented student achievement, and certification of educators and those administered by a Florida College System institution, a state university, or the Department of Education; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable GO RC	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0

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21	<b>SB 1654</b> Gruters	Education; Authorizing district school boards to conduct daily business in person or through the use of telecommunication networks; deleting a requirement that certain contact with parents and students be made by telephone; exempting academically high-performing school districts from complying with a specified provision relating to the operation of all schools for a term of 180 actual teaching days; authorizing academically high-performing school districts to provide up to 2 days of virtual instruction, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0
22	<b>SB 1740</b> Rouson (Identical H 1375)	Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program; Establishing the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; specifying eligibility requirements for the awarding of a Seal of Fine Arts; requiring the Commissioner of Education and school districts to perform specified duties to administer the program; prohibiting a school district or the Department of Education from charging a fee for the seal; requiring the state board to adopt rules, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0
23	<b>SB 1798</b> Perry (Identical H 1261)	Higher Education; Requiring a state university to waive the tuition and fees for certain courses in which certain resident students are enrolled; prohibiting the reporting of tuition and fees waived for state funding purposes; providing that a state university is ineligible for a specified performance-based incentive for failure to comply, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0

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24	<b>SB 358</b> Berman (Compare CS/H 1119)	Water Safety; Citing this act as the "Edna Mae McGovern Act"; providing an exemption from certain water safety and swimming certifications for a child whose parent follows a specified procedure; requiring district school boards and the governing authorities of private schools to require certain children to present a specified certificate beginning in a certain school year; requiring the State Board of Education, subject to the concurrence of the Department of Health, to adopt certain rules by a specified date, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Fav/CS CF RC	Fav/CS Yeas 10 Nays 0
25	<b>SB 1816</b> Rouson (Similar H 7033)	Task Force on Closing the Achievement Gap for Boys; Creating the Task Force on Closing the Achievement Gap for Boys within the Department of Education; providing for membership and meetings of the task force; requiring the department to provide staff, administrative support, and necessary data and other relevant information to assist the task force; requiring that the task force submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0
26	<b>SB 1864</b> Perry (Compare CS/CS/H 131)	Education; Requiring the Department of Education to maintain a disqualification list that includes the identities of certain persons; requiring district school boards to investigate certain complaints and report certain results of such investigations to the department; prohibiting an individual who is on the disqualification list from being employed by a charter school or serving as a member of a charter school governing board; requiring certain private schools to adopt policies establishing standards of ethical conduct for certain employees; expanding the list of entities that law enforcement agencies must notify of certain charges, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0

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27	<b>SB 590</b> Harrell (Compare CS/H 383)	Involuntary Examinations of Minors; Revising parent, guardian, or caregiver notification requirements that must be met before an involuntary examination of a minor; revising parent and guardian notification requirements that must be met before conducting an involuntary examination of a minor who is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity; creating reporting requirements for schools relating to involuntary examinations of minors; requiring that certain plans include procedures to assist certain mental and behavioral health providers in attempts to verbally deescalate certain crisis situations before initiating an involuntary examination, etc.  CF 02/16/2021 Favorable ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0
28	<b>SB 1336</b> Gibson (Similar H 575, Compare H 419, S 1282)	Gold Seal Quality Care Program; Revising the requirements of the Gold Seal Quality Care program; requiring the Department of Education to establish a verification process for accrediting entities and providing requirements therefor; providing that an accrediting entity is liable for repayment of certain rate differentials if the accrediting entity granted accreditation to specified entities under fraudulent terms or failed to conduct onsite verifications; providing an exemption from ad valorem taxation and rate differentials for certain child care facilities, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0
29	<b>SB 824</b> Powell (Identical H 671)	Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; Deleting a provision prohibiting a student from being eligible for an initial award from any of the scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program if the student was found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student had been granted clemency, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 10 Nays 0
30	<b>SB 1394</b> Rodriguez (Similar H 1033)	Certificates of Completion; Specifying that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in career center and charter technical career center programs, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable CM RC	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0



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31	<b>SB 1496</b> Ausley (Identical H 1621)	Early Learning Scholarship Program; Citing this act as the "Brighter Future Act"; establishing the Early Learning Scholarship program; requiring the program to be administered by the Office of Early Learning; providing that a student who receives a scholarship remains eligible to participate until the student is admitted to kindergarten or attains the age of 6 years by a specified date, etc.  ED 03/30/2021 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 10 Nays 0

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Other Related Meeting Documents

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