



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR BILL GALVANO
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Bill Galvano
SUBJECT: Update on Executive Suspensions
DATE: March 6, 2019

With the 2019 Legislative Session now underway, I wanted to update you on the status of the Executive Orders of Suspension that have been referred to Special Master Dudley Goodlette.

- **Executive Order of Suspension 19-13, Okaloosa County Superintendent of Schools Mary Beth Jackson**

On Friday, March 1, Ms. Jackson challenged EO 19-13 by way of a Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto in the Florida Supreme Court. Subsequent to filing the Writ, Ms. Jackson requested the matter be held in abeyance and the Governor had no objection. Therefore, pursuant to Senate Rule 12.9(2), the proceedings regarding EO 19-13 are held in abeyance until a final determination of the challenge has been rendered by the Court.

The Supreme Court has asked the Governor to file a response brief by March 20. Ms. Jackson has until April 1 to file a reply. There is no set timeframe for action by the Court.

- **Executive Order of Suspension 19-14, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel**

EO 19-14 is set for a prehearing on March 20. It is anticipated the hearing will be held the week of April 8, 2019. After the hearing the Special Master will prepare a report with findings and recommendations. The report will be submitted to the Rules Committee for a recommendation, and will then be presented on the Floor.

Staff are routinely updating the Senate website to keep the public informed of the proceedings. As previously mentioned, Senators are discouraged from commenting publicly on the merits or substance of any suspension while these matters are pending.