

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/CS/CS/SBs 852, 2, & 46 [S0852.HMS]  
SPONSOR: Fiscal Policy, Criminal Justice, Education and Senators Dyers and Carlton  
SUBJECT: School Safety and Security  
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Education  
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### I. Amendments Contained in Message

**House Amendment 1 - 863613** (body with title)

**House Amendment to Amendment 1 - 951167** (body with title)

### II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

**House Amendment 1**-Major changes:

- ▶ School grading system :
  - Eliminates attendance as well as discipline for the next school year.
- ▶ Discipline:
  - Amends the definition of suspension
  - Revises notice requirements to conform to zero tolerance changes.
- ▶ Zero tolerance
  - requires one year expulsion for bringing weapon or firearm to school and school functions and for making bomb threats or false reports
  - Provides for assignment during expulsion
  - Provides for superintendent discretion in considering expulsion
- ▶ Teachers
  - provides for additional authority to remove students from the classroom, as well as additional liability protections
- ▶ School structure
  - Imposes size requirements on all new schools constructed.
  - School boards are encouraged to adopt policies for subdividing into schools-within-a-school.
- ▶ Attendance
  - Modifies provisions for enforcing attendance.
  - Allows a law enforcement officer to take certain expelled or suspended students into custody, upon reasonable grounds.
  - Requires the law enforcement officer to deliver these students to specified sites.
- ▶ Student support services
  - Creates pilot programs in 3 districts (Sarasota, Lake, Miami-Dade).

**House Amendment to Amendment 1 - 951167**

Hazardous walking conditions:

- ▶ Allows districts to provide transportation to additional students who are subject to hazardous walking conditions.

Changes the composition and procedures for those who review these conditions.

Provides for future funding to transport students because of hazardous walking conditions.