

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: SB 638 1st engrossed
SPONSOR: Senator Wasserman Schultz
SUBJECT: District School Personnel
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Education
DATE: May 3, 2001

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment #1- 100171 (body with title)

House Amendment #2- 702977 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment #1- 100171

Provides an appropriation of \$200,000 in General Revenue for the University of Miami-RSMAS Integrated Marine Research and Educational Program for FY 2001-2002. Title amendment makes this a bill related to education.

House Amendment #2- 702977

The amendment further amends s. 231.40, F.S., to limit the amount of unused sick leave that could be accumulated for terminal pay purposes after July 1, 2001, to no more than 60 days for full-time district school board personnel other than instructional and educational support employees.

- The 60-day limit would not affect employee contracts entered into prior to July 1, 2001; however, if the contract were renewed on or after the July 1st date, it would be considered a new contract for accumulated leave purposes.
- Leave accumulated prior to July 1, 2001, would be governed by board policies, contracts, or rules in effect on June 30, 2001.

Also, full-time non-instructional employees of school boards employed prior to July 1, 2001, would not be able to accumulate sick leave for terminal pay purposes after that date, until the employee's pre-July 1, 2001, accumulated sick leave total dips below 60 days. Title amendment makes this a bill related to education. This amendment is similar to Senator Sullivan's measure (see section 1 of SB 708 enrolled, except that the amendment refers to employees with an accumulated sick leave balance of 60 days of *actual payment* or more prior to July 1, 2001).