

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 1712

INTRODUCER: Education Pre-K -- Committee, Governmental Operations Committee, Education Appropriations Pre-K -- 12 Committee, and Senators Carlton, Gaetz, and Lynn

SUBJECT: Ethics in Education Act

DATE: April 30, 2008

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 562471 (body and title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 562471 differs from CS/CS/CS/SB 1712 in the following ways:

- Provides that a charter school or private school that knowingly fails, rather than fails as in the Senate bill, to comply with the ethical standards for employee screening and conduct shall have their charter terminated by the charter sponsor or be suspended for one fiscal year from participating in the McKay Scholarships and Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship programs, respectively;
- Restores current law with respect to the screening standards for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program instructors and child care personnel; and
- Revises the list of disqualifying offenses for employment as instructional personnel or a school-based administrator to eliminate all misdemeanor offenses, except for battery on a minor and luring and enticing a child, and certain felony offenses, such as killing of an unborn quick child by injury to the mother.