

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 1108

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Senator Diaz

SUBJECT: Education

DATE: April 28, 2021

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 710649 to CS/CS/SB 1108 (Body with title)

House Amendment 2 – 592685 to CS/CS/SB 1108 (Body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 includes a provision regarding the character development curriculum required for public school students. Under current law, the curriculum is required to include topics such as leadership skills, patriotism, and interpersonal skills. The amendment requires the curriculum for students in grades 11 and 12 to also include instructions on voting using the uniform primary and general election ballot. Generally, a student in the 11th or 12th grade is often times at or near the age required to vote in his or her first election.

House Amendment 2 creates an alternate standard to satisfy the grade 10 English Language Arts assessment for certain students participating in the English for Speakers of Other Languages Program. Under the amendment, such students may satisfy the requirement to pass the assessment by “satisfactorily demonstrating grade-level expectations on formative assessments” in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education. This provision will apply beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.