

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/HB 1115, Engrossed 1 (CS/CS/CS/SB 1702)

INTRODUCER: Education and Employment Committee; Education Administration Subcommittee; and Rep. Valdes (Rules Committee; Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Education Pre-K -12 Committee; and Senator Burgess)

SUBJECT: Education

DATE: May 2, 2025

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 824395 to Senate Amendment – *Barcode* – 151760 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 824395 removes from the Senate amendment:

- All provisions relating to the administrative efficiency of district school boards.
- The elimination of the Certificate of completion and related conforming provisions (s. 1003.4282, 1002.394, 1007.263).
- Allowing marching band to substitute for PE or performing arts credit.
- Provisions relating to trespassing on school buses (s. 810.097, 901.15).
- Allowing private schools to construct facilities without rezoning (s. 1002.42).
- Hold-harmless provisions for RMCA (s. 1002.84).
- Full-time virtual and home school student athletic eligibility (s. 1006.15).
- Expanded use of the 1.5 mill discretionary levy for non-educational facilities (s. 1011.71).
- Cell phone restriction pilot program and model policy study (undesignated section).
- Requirement for DOE to develop math endorsement competencies (undesignated section).

The House amendment includes the following provisions not included in the Senate amendment:

- **Governance and Transparency:** Creates s. 20.70, F.S., requiring SUS and FCS board members to be U.S. citizens and either Florida residents or graduates of Florida institutions.
 - Limits terms for SBE and FCS trustees (s. 1001.01, 1001.61).
 - Limits BOG members to one 7-year term and imposes residency requirements (s. 1001.70).
 - Requires financial disclosures from BOG members (s. 112.3144).
- **University and College Presidential Searches:**
 - Requires presidential search committees for SUS and FCS institutions (s. 1001.64, 1001.71).
 - Sets composition, eligibility, and exclusion requirements for committees.
 - Mandates adoption of presidential succession plans and restricts interim appointments.
 - Prohibits political interference during presidential selection.

- Eliminates public records exemptions for presidential search applicants.
- **Instructional Materials Transparency:**
 - Expands textbook affordability requirements to include ISBNs, cost comparisons, and license durations.
 - Requires current syllabi to be posted alongside textbook lists, including evaluation methods and learning goals.
- **Institute for Freedom in the Americas:**
 - Removes a requirement for Miami Dade College to provide a DSO for the Institute (s. 1004.89).
 - Removes a requirement to partner with the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom.
- **Schools of Hope:**
 - Expands definition of "sponsoring entity" to include universities and FCS institutions (s. 1002.333).
 - Permits sponsors to locate schools outside of opportunity zones.
 - Establishes performance-based agreement and reporting standards for all sponsors.
 - Requires enrollment preference for students in Opportunity Zones.
 - Allows co-location with other schools and access to unused district facilities.
 - Sets a 5-year cap on supplemental funding unless high performance is demonstrated.
 - Grants dispute resolution authority to SBE in conflicts involving SUS/FCS sponsors.
 - Requires a transfer from the third party administer when the School of Hope Revolving Loan Program balance falls below \$25 million in order to maintain the balance of \$25 million beginning July 1, 2027 (s. 1001.292).
- **Graduation Requirements:** Prohibits SUS and FCS institutions from imposing conflicting graduation requirements related to identity politics or historical distortion (s. 1007.25).