



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its fourth week of Session this week, February 3-7. The Appropriations committees passed their respective budgets. The House's budget calls for a \$65 million increase in education funding for BCPS -- \$227/2.99% (\$50 BSA) increase per student. The Senate's budget calls for a \$47 million increase for BCPS -- \$172/2.26% (\$40 BSA) increase per student. The increase in the BSA may be offset by a larger than normal increase in the FRS rate.

In both proposals, the majority of increase is being allocated towards salary enhancements: For BCPS, the House Budget consists of \$60 million vs. the Senate's \$45 million for salary enhancement. Both budgets include \$800K for BCPS Adults with Disabilities. The House budget includes \$150K for BCPS Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders. After the House and Senate pass their budgets next week in their respective chambers, negotiations will begin on the final spending plan. The House FEFP can be viewed [here](#) - and Senate FEFP can be viewed [here](#) -. A chart with the major FEFP categoricals is included below.

Additionally, the School Safety Bill passed its second committee. The Bill implements some additional recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission. The Bill may impact alternative programs; such as BCPS PROMISE.

The House Innovation Sub-committee passed HB 7079, which would require districts to select the ACT or SAT as a statewide assessment and would also phase out other assessments. The bill would also place schools that receive a D or F in turnaround status. Currently, schools that earn two consecutive D's or one F are placed in turnaround status.

Also, HB 7 (Legal Notices) passed its final committee in the House. The Bill would allow government agencies to post meeting notices online instead of in the newspaper. The Senate bill is being heard next week.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Have input on Florida's school standards? Better be quick. [Tampa Bay Times](#)
 School board term limits head to the House Floor. [Florida Politics](#)
 Bill would repeal law requiring governments to post legal notices in newspapers.
[Miami Herald](#)

TALLAHASSEE: THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Senate and House Education Budget

FLORIDA EDUCATION FINANCE PROGRAM (BCPS-before the charters pro rata share)

	2019-2020	Senate	House
Per-Student	\$7,625.80	\$7,797.93 (\$172.13 or 2.26% increase/ student)	\$7,853.76 (\$227.96 increase or 2.99%/ student)
Base Student Allocation	\$4,279.49	\$4,319.66 (\$40 increase/ student)	\$4,329.49 (\$50 increase/ student)
Safe Schools Allocation	\$15,975,643	LEVEL FUNDING	LEVEL FUNDING
Mental Health Assistance	\$6,530,577	\$8,829,341 (\$2,298,764 increase)	\$8,829,341 (\$2,298,764 increase)
Compression Allocation	\$2,120,951	\$2,020,817 (\$100,134 decrease)	No funding (\$2,120,951 decrease)
Digital Classrooms Allocation	\$428,405	\$426,648 (\$1,757 decrease)	No funding (\$428,405)
Salary Enhancement	\$0	\$47,367,150**	\$60,422,704**
Total Funding	\$2,043,811,893	\$2,094,436,005 (\$50,624,112 increase)	\$2,109,432,036 (\$65,620,114 increase)

Please find below a summary of the Senate Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

Prek-12 Education:

[SB 1438](#) – [Dyslexia](#) by Harrel; Requiring public schools to screen all students in kindergarten through grade 3 for dyslexia within a certain timeframe; requiring public school students with a substantial deficiency in reading to be placed in an intensive remedial intervention program; requiring public schools to have at least one person on staff trained in the instruction of students with dyslexia; creating the Dyslexia Task Force within the Department of Education. **Passed by 6-0, now in Appropriations**

[SB 1578](#) – [Education](#) by Hutson; Requiring the Department of Education to collect certain information about career preparation and placement in this state; authorizing state universities designated by the State Board of Education to sponsor a charter school; providing that charter schools operated by a municipality, a public entity, or a private, not-for-profit organization are eligible for a 15-year charter if approved by the sponsor; requiring that any arrangement entered into to borrow or otherwise secure funds for a charter school from certain sources indemnify the sponsor, rather than the school district; authorizing charter schools to offer career and professional academies, etc. **Passed by 5-1, now in Appropriations**

[SB 7000](#) – [Reporting Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect](#) by Children, Families, and Elders Affairs; Relocating existing provisions relating to the central abuse hotline of the Department of Children and Families; revising when a person is required to report to the central abuse hotline; providing penalties for the failure to report known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; providing responsibilities for child protective investigators relating to animal abuse and neglect; requiring the Education Practices Commission to suspend the educator certificate of certain personnel and administrators for failing to report known or suspected child abuse, etc.. **Passed by 6-0, now in Rules.**

[Committee Meeting](#)

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Did not meet this week.

Please find below a summary of the House Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

Education Committee

[HB 157](#) – [Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board](#) by Sabatini: Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the terms of office for a member of a district school board. **Passed by 11-4, now in the House Floor.**

[HB 393](#) – [Jury Service](#) by Stone: Requires certain students in specified schools to be excused from jury service upon request. **Passed by 15-0, now in Judiciary**

[HB 523](#) – [Mastery-based Education](#) by DiCeglie: Provides for alternative award of credits & letter grades under certain circumstances; renames Competency-Based Education Pilot Program as Mastery-based Education Pilot Program; authorizes public school districts to submit applications for program; & revises statewide articulation agreement. **Passed by 14-0, now in the House Floor.**

[HB 581](#) – [Civic Education](#) by Aloupis: Requires Commissioner of Education to develop minimum criteria for nonpartisan civic literacy practicum & process to verify successful completion of such practicum; provides requirements for such practicum; requires SBE to annually designate public schools that meet specified criteria as Freedom Schools & establish criteria for designation as Freedom School; provides requirements for such criteria. **Passed by 15-0, now in the House Floor.**

[HB 957](#) – [Designation of School Grades](#) by Shoaf: Revises components on which school's grade is based. **Passed by 15-0, now in the House Floor.**

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PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

[HB 315](#) – [Enforcement of School Attendance](#) by Slosberg: Authorizes district school boards & charter school governing boards to allow specified number of mental health days as excused absences for students. **Passed by 16-2, now in Pre-12**

Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 445](#) – [School Grading System](#) by Sirois: Revises calculation of school grades to include certain students who earned specified score on ASVAB. **Passed by 18-0, now in Education**

[HB 737](#) – [Moments of Silence](#) in Public Schools by Daniels: Requires moment at beginning of each school day & provides requirements for such moment of silence. **Passed by 17-0, now in Education**

[HB 1207](#) – [Measurement of Student Performance](#) by Bell: Requires Commissioner of Education to annually provide specified results to school districts by certain date. **Passed by 17-0, now in Education**

[HB 1029](#) – [Charter Schools](#) by Rodriguez: Revises provisions relating to charter school application process, charter school student enrollment, high-performing charter schools, & virtual charter schools. **Passed by 14-4, now in Education**

[HB 1083](#) – [Student Mental Health Procedures](#) by Webb: Requires verification that certain strategies have been utilized & certain outreach has been initiated before student is removed from school, school transportation, or school-sponsored activity under specified circumstances; provides exception. **Passed by 17-0, now in Health & Human Services Committee**

[HB 7079](#) – [Education](#) by Aloupis: Revises provisions relating to DOE powers & duties, Florida Partnership for Minority and Underrepresented Student Achievement,

statewide assessment program, turnaround options & plans, school grading system, & turnaround school supplemental services allocation. **Passed by 18-0 now in Pre-12 Appropriations Subcommittee**

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PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 23](#) – Panic Alarms in Public Schools by Gottlieb/Daley: Requires each public school campus to be equipped with panic alarm for specified purposes; provides panic alarm requirements. **Passed by 8-0, now in Education**

[HB 883](#) – Education by Duggan: Requiring DOE to maintain a disqualification list of certain individuals; revises provisions relating to employment & termination of certain public school & private school employees; revises duties of DOE, Commissioner of Education, & school districts relating to employee conduct & employment & termination of certain public school & private school employees. **Passed by 11-0, now in Education**

[HB 1213](#) – Holocaust Education by Caruso: Includes study of specified policy against anti-Semitism in specified instruction; provides school district, charter school, & DOE requirements relating to such instruction; authorizes DOE to contract with certain Holocaust educational organizations for specified purposes. **Passed by 11-0, now in Education**

[HB 1231](#) – Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by DuBose: Prohibits use of seclusion on students; revises provisions relating to use of restraint on certain students; provides DOE, school district, school, & personnel requirements; provides for placement of video camera in specified classrooms; provides requirements for such placement; requires continuing education & inservice training for teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities. **Passed by 11-0, now in Education**

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