

Dispatch # One 2008Sorted by **Bill Number****HB 0007 Relating to Bicycle Safety**

Jordan

Bicycle Safety: Conforms helmet requirements to federal standards; provides for enforcement of nighttime equipment requirements. Effective Date: October 1, 2008.

Identical

SB
0446 Relating to Bicycle Safety

Assigned Folder(s) PTA**FPTA Public Comments**

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Bicycle Helmets (1995) FPTA supports enactment of legislation requiring children who ride bicycles to wear safety helmets that meet the safety standards established by the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation. Bicycle helmet legislation should emphasize bicycle safety education rather than criminal penalties or generating revenues.

HB 0011 Relating to Safety Belt Law Enforcement

Glorioso

Safety Belt Law Enforcement: Creates Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law; deletes requirement for enforcement of Florida Safety Belt Law as a secondary action. Effective Date: June 30, 2008.

Identical

SB
0094 Relating to Safety Belt Law Enforcement

Assigned Folder(s) PTA**FPTA Public Comments**

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Seat Belt usage (1992) FPTA urges the Legislature to require primary enforcement of seat belt usage. Currently FS 316.614 requires only secondary enforcement of seat belt usage.

HB 0023 Relating to Education Facilities

Richardson

Education Facilities: Establishes Green Schools Pilot Project to enable selected school districts to comply with certain building-certification standards; provides for selection of school districts, evaluation, & funding; provides appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA**FPTA Public Comments**

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Green Schools (2006) FPTA urges the Florida Legislature to adopt incentive mechanisms encouraging school districts to build LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified green schools.

HB 0025 Relating to Alcohol Abuse by an Expectant Mother

Homan

Alcohol Abuse by an Expectant Mother: Designates act "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Act"; directs DOH & DCFS to maintain Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention Network; requires establishment of system for assessing charges for specified services; requires DOH, DCFS, & DABT of DBPR to provide access to information regarding fetal alcohol spectrum disorders on Internet websites; provides for voluntary admission of expectant mother for alcohol abuse treatment services; provides criteria for involuntary admission of expectant mother; requires described health warning signs to be displayed by alcohol beverage vendors; requires DABT of DBPR to produce & distribute signs; directs DOH to establish Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic & Intervention Centers & provide professional training; provides appropriations. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Identical

SB
1104 Relating to Alcohol Abuse/Expectant Mothers

Assigned Folder(s) PTA**FPTA Public Comments**

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Prevention (2001) Florida PTA urges the legislature to fully fund an array of coordinated and integrated prevention services to help build strong families that raise their children to be healthy, productive adults.

SB 0088 Relating to School Safety/Bullying and Harassment

Baker

School Safety/Bullying and Harassment [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Jeffrey Johnson Stand Up for All Students Act" which prohibits bullying or harassment during education programs or activities, on school buses, or through use of data or computer software accessed through computer systems of certain educational institutions. Defines "bullying" as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon

becoming law.

Compare

SB
0462 Relating to Prevention of Harassment/Public K-12 Schools

Similar

HB
0669 Relating to School Safety
SB
0790 Relating to School Safety/Bullying and Harassment

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Harassment Free Zones (2001) FPTA urges its local units and county councils to work with school and district administrators to ensure that Florida's schools become Harassment Free Zones where all students are safe from harassment, bullying and/or physical, verbal or emotional abuse for any reason, including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, physical/emotional/mental impairment, eating disorder, sexual orientation, disfigurement, or other distinguishing characteristics.

HB 0089 Relating to Pedestrian Safety

Kriseman

Pedestrian Safety: Requires driver to stop at certain intersections to allow pedestrian to cross roadway when pedestrian is either in or steps into crosswalk; directs that fines received be used by DHSMV to educate public about pedestrian safety & traffic laws governing crosswalks. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Compare

SB
0154 Relating to Pedestrian Safety/Driver Requirements

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

MONITOR

SB 0094 Relating to Safety Belt Law Enforcement

Rich

Safety Belt Law Enforcement [EPCC]; Cites this act as the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law. Provides for primary enforcement of the Safety Belt Law, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/30/2008.

Identical

HB
0011 Relating to Safety Belt Law Enforcement

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Seat Belt Usage (1992) FPTA urges the legislature to require primary enforcement of seat belt usage. Currently, Florida Statute 316.614 requires only secondary enforcement of seat belt usage.

SB 0104 Relating to School Wellness and Physical Education Policies

Wilson

School Wellness and Physical Education Policies [SPCC]; Requires that each school district shall set school wellness and physical education policies in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits. Provides policy guidelines re nutrition education, physical activity, school-based activities, and nutritional guidelines for food and beverages sold or served on campuses or in the school district, etc EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Compare

SB
1708 Relating to Child Nutrition

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Daily Recess (2004) FPTA urges the school districts to require daily recess (defined as supervised, active, unstructured play) with adequate equipment and adequate supervision of at least 20 consecutive minutes for all elementary children.

SB 0112 Relating to Student Voter Education Program

Fasano

Student Voter Education Program [SPCC]; Encourages each district school board and county supervisor of elections to cooperate in providing voter education to high school students who are in grade 12. The voter education program shall be in the form of a presentation and is voluntary for public and nonpublic high schools. Requires the program to provide students with the opportunity, sufficient information, and the time to submit a voter registration application, etc. EFFECTIVE

DATE: 07/01/2008.

Identical

HB
0309 Relating to Student Voter Education

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Kids Voting (1999) FPTA encourages all local units and councils to promote and actively participate in a program such as Kids Voting.

SB 0130 Relating to School-based Health Centers Wilson
School-based Health Centers [SPCC]; Includes in the definition of "school-based health center," for purposes of the School Health Services Act, an organization that provides at least 25 hours per week of primary care services for adolescents or other school-age children for the majority of the year, primarily provides services onsite at the school, and provides other comprehensive services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Full Service Schools (1991) FPTA supports full-service schools.

SB 0132 Relating to Commissioner of Education/Elected Cabinet Member Wilson
Commissioner of Education/Elected Cabinet Member [SPCC]; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to create the office of Commissioner of Education, who will be an elected member of the Cabinet and responsible for the supervision of the free public education system in the manner prescribed by law. Deletes the power of the state board of education to appoint the Commissioner of Education, etc.

Compare

HB
0055 Relating to Composition of Cabinet; Office of Commissioner of Education

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

MONITOR

SB 0148 Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Wilson
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program [SPCC]; Requires that a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private provider must comprise up to 720 instructional hours or the same number of instructional hours provided to a student in kindergarten and first grade, if the provider provides instruction in kindergarten and first grade. Provides that a prekindergarten program provided by a public school must comprise at least the same number of instructional hours, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Compare

SB
0676 Relating to Publicly Funded Facilities for Children

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

MONITOR - Florida PTA Position: Early Childhood Education: Readiness to Start School (1998) FPTA urges the Legislature to ensure that early child care and education programs are safe, nurturing and developmentally appropriate by establishing licensing requirements based on statewide standards that reflect current research. These programs should be affordable, available and accessible with assistance for parents with inadequate income. FPTA opposes using a standardized testing tool as the basis for major decisions regarding early childhood placement or progress, or to deny entry to public education. FPTA urges its PTAs and county councils to work within their communities to make available to parents the materials, resources and education needed to foster optimal early childhood development.

SB 0158 Relating to Public Schools/Reading Lab for Grades 1-3 Wilson
Public Schools/Reading Lab for Grades 1-3 [SPCC]; Requires each student who is entering kindergarten through third grade to be assessed in reading proficiency and, if reading below grade level, be placed into an intensive reading lab. Requires that each student be reassessed in the middle and at the end of each school year. Encourages the principal to ask for donations of funds or materials for the lab. Requires the principal to hire teachers, or secure training for teachers, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Identical

HB
0771 Relating to Teaching Students in Grades 1 through 3 in Public Elementary Schools

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	MONITOR

SB 0174 Relating to Infant Eye Care/Mandatory Examinations Wilson
 Infant Eye Care/Mandatory Examinations [SPCC]; Requires every baby born in a hospital to receive, prior to being discharged from the hospital, an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities. Provides an exception to eye examinations when parents file a written objection, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Retinoblastoma (2002) FPTA urges the State of Florida to require that every baby born in a hospital in the state shall receive, prior to being discharged from the hospital, an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities with parental option to decline testing. Furthermore, FPTA supports the inclusion of eye examinations using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities and developmental abnormalities during periodic health care visits.

SB 0176 Relating to School Nurse Services Wilson
 School Nurse Services [SPCC]; Creates the "One School, One Nurse Act" to provide for funding of a nurse in every public school. Provides matching funds in those communities where interest in school health services is evidenced by the participation of public or private entities in the funding or delivery of school nurse services. Encourages the development of those programs that offer potential for promoting the health of students, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$75,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Registered Nurses for Schools (2001) FPTA encourages and supports complete funding to supply a registered professional nurse to every 1,500 Florida public school students, a trained school health aide in every Florida public school, and to include future allocation formulas to increase nursing staff to keep pace with student enrollment.

SB 0180 Relating to Teachers/Public School/Cost-of-Living Increase Wilson
 Teachers/Public School/Cost-of-Living Increase [SPCC]; Requires the Legislature to fund a cost-of-living increase in the General Appropriations Act for teachers who teach prekindergarten through grade 12 in the public school system, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	No comments exist.

HB 0213 Relating to Education Legg
 Education: Authorizes district school boards to establish school, class, or educational program in which enrollment is limited to students of single gender; provides conditions to such authorization; requires that students' participation in single-gender classes be voluntary. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Compare

SB 0242 Relating to Schools/Single-gender Classes

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	MONITOR

SB 0224 Relating to Luring or Enticing a Child Fasano
 Luring or Enticing a Child [LPCC]; Increases the age limit of a victim from under the age of 12 to under the age of 18 with regard to the criminal offense of luring or enticing a child, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	SUPPORT - National PTA Position: National PTA, its units, councils, districts and states, shall actively pursue efforts to update and revise current legislation and strongly advocate new state and federal legislation to protect children.

SB 0234 Relating to Governor's School for Science and Technology Wise
 Governor's School for Science and Technology [SPCC]; Establishes the school within the Florida K-20 public education system with administrative offices in the Department of Education. Provides advanced educational classes in the areas of science, mathematics, engineering, and technology in a residential setting for qualified students who are selected through a statewide application and qualification system, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Similar

HB 0613 Relating to Governor's School for Space Science and Technology

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	MONITOR - Florida PTA Position: Education for Gifted and Talented Children: National PTA endorses and supports educational programs in the public schools for those children identified as gifted and talented.

SB 0242 Relating to Schools/Single-gender Classes Wise
 Schools/Single-gender Classes [SPCC]; Authorizes district school boards to establish and maintain a school, class, or program limited to pupils of a single-gender if the school district makes available a coeducational and other gender school, class, or program that has substantially equal academic standards. Provides that participation is voluntary. Requires each district school board to evaluate at least once every 2 years, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB 0213 Relating to Education

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FPTA	Public Comments
	MONITOR

SB 0248 Relating to Juvenile Sentencing Wilson
 Juvenile Sentencing [LPCC]; Authorizes the court to sentence a juvenile using juvenile sanctions, adult sanctions, or a blend of both sanctions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to file a written report with the sentencing court if the DJJ believes the child's sanction is inappropriate. Authorizes the court to place the child on probation. Requires the DJJ to notify the court no later than 30 days before it discharges a child from a sanction, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	No comments exist.

HB 0249 Relating to School Zone Signs Gibson, III (H)
 School Zone Signs: Requires that certain signs contain warning statement regarding increased fines for speeding in school zones. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Identical

SB 0382 Relating to School Zone Signs

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: School Traffic Definition and Marking of School Zones (1991) FPTA urges the Legislature to set a clear and standard definition for all school zones. Signs should be posted to indicate a reduction in speed to 15 M.P.H. in such locations to give motorists adequate time to slow down.

SB 0252 Relating to Compulsory School Attendance/Age Requirement Wilson
 Compulsory School Attendance/Age Requirement [SPCC]; Changes the ending age for compulsory school attendance from 16 years to 18 years, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	MONITOR

SB 0254 Relating to School Progression/Retention/Reading Proficiency Wilson
 School Progression/Retention/Reading Proficiency [SPCC]; Removes the requirement for alternative placement of a student who has been retained two or more years from the comprehensive program for student progression. Eliminates the guidelines for allocating school district remedial and supplemental instruction resources. Eliminates mandatory retention of a student who is not reading at grade level by grade three, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming

law.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	No comments exist.

SB 0258 Relating to Corporate Income Tax Credits/Nonprofit Educ. Orgs. Wilson
 Corporate Income Tax Credits/Nonprofit Educ. Orgs. [SPCC]; Provides for tax credits for contributions to eligible nonprofit educational-improvement organizations. Requires such organization to spend 100 percent of any eligible contribution it receives to establish scholarships to eligible students in the same year the contribution was received and that no portion of the contribution may be used for administrative expenses, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	OPPOSE - Florida PTA Position: Vouchers (1998) Florida PTA opposes education voucher proposals for public and non-public preschool, elementary and secondary school students.

SB 0260 Relating to Gold Seal Quality Care/Child Care Placement Wilson
 Gold Seal Quality Care/Child Care Placement [SPCC]; Provides legislative intent that children who have not attained the age of eligibility for kindergarten, and who are under the jurisdiction of a circuit court due to a documented case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, receive first priority for placement in a Gold Seal Quality Care facility, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
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SB 0264 Relating to Kidcare Outreach Program Study/Uninsured Children Wilson
 Kidcare Outreach Program Study/Uninsured Children [SPCC]; Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to perform a study of the effectiveness of the Kidcare outreach program for uninsured children. Requires OPPAGA to consult with the Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services and other interested entities that would provide experiences and perspectives when conducting the report, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	MONITOR

SB 0286 Relating to Educators Teaching English/Inservice Requirements Wise
 Educators Teaching English/Inservice Requirements [SPCC]; Requires that educators of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) have inservice requirements that will ensure a conducive learning environment and the use of appropriate teaching strategies for students with limited English. Requires that primary English instructors have 300 inservice hours or the equivalent, that instructors in basic subject areas have 60 inservice hours or the equivalent, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Similar

HB 0491 Relating to Certification of Public School Educators

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	FPTA Opposes

SB 0292 Relating to School Grading System Wilson
 School Grading System [SPCC]; Removes letter grades from the performance grade categories by which schools must be identified in the Commissioner of Education's annual report of the results of the statewide assessment program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	MONITOR - Florida PTA Position: School Performance Grades (1999) FPTA urges that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education and the Legislature ensure criteria for grading public schools establishes a fair and accurate method of assessing student achievement and school performance which qualifies reliance on test score data and includes other mitigating factors such as mobility, poverty, immigration, first language and significant student improvement in calculating school performance grades. Input and suggestions made at the Department of Education public hearings, legislative committee meetings and other public venues should be considered when designing and implementing the school grading system.

- HB 0297 Relating to Gifted and Academically Talented Student Education** Legg
 Gifted and Academically Talented Student Education: Requires DOE to develop screening procedures & eligibility criteria for identification of gifted or academically talented students; requires DOE to develop model gifted & academically talented student education programs & procedures for evaluation thereof; requires district school board implementation; requires state-approved teacher preparation programs to incorporate related instruction; requires certain school district guaranteed allocation expenditures to be reported separately. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
Similar
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- SB
 0990 Relating to Gifted/Academically Talented Student Education
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- Assigned Folder(s) PTA**
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- FPTA Public Comments**
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- MONITOR - Education for Gifted and Talented Children
 NPTA endorses and supports educational programs in the public schools for those children identified as gifted or talent ed.
- SB 0372 Relating to Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Endowment** Wise
 Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Endowment [SPCC]; Creates the endowment within the State Board of Administration for the purpose of funding scholarships for economically disadvantaged youth. Provides for moneys from taxes on slot machines to be transferred from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to the endowment as provided in the General Appropriations Act. Provides for the transfer of earnings from the endowment to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
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- HB
 0779 Relating to Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Endowment
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- Assigned Folder(s) PTA**
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- FPTA Public Comments**
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- No comments exist.
- SB 0374 Relating to Child Dependency/Legal Representation** Lynn
 Child Dependency/Legal Representation [SPCC]; Deletes a requirement that the court appoint an attorney ad litem for a child alleged to have been abused by a parent or caregiver. Provides for court appointment of an attorney to represent a child during a shelter hearing. Provides for a child to be represented by an attorney rather than an attorney ad litem in a hearing involving the child's medical and behavioral status, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
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- FPTA Public Comments**
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- SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Children's Right to Legal Counsel (2007) FPTA urges that the Legislature require qualified legal counsel for all children in all proceedings governed by Chapter 29, Florida Statutes. FPTA supports the expansion of the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program to ensure that every child in dependency court has a guardian ad litem.
- SB 0382 Relating to School Zone Signs** Baker
 School Zone Signs [EPCC]; Requires that "speeding fines are doubled in school zones" be printed on any school zone sign erected on or after July 1, 2008, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
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- HB
 0249 Relating to School Zone Signs
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- Assigned Folder(s) PTA**
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- FPTA Public Comments**
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- SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: School Traffic Definition and Marking of School Zones (1991) Florida PTA urges the Legislature to set a clear and standard definition for all school zones. Signs should be posted to indicate a reduction in speed to 15 m.p.h. in such locations to give motorists adequate time to slow down.
- SB 0436 Relating to High School Graduation/Diploma Requirements/Voting** Margolis
 High School Graduation/Diploma Requirements/Voting [SPCC]; Requires that, as a prerequisite to graduate or receive a high school equivalency diploma, a high school student or candidate for the equivalency diploma register or pre-register to vote if qualified to do so. Provides that with a written request from the candidate's parent or guardian, or if the candidate is 18 years of age or older, or an emancipated minor, he or she shall be excused from this requirement, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.
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FPTA Public Comments

No comments exist.

SB 0510 Relating to School-entry/Vision Examinations Wilson

School-entry/Vision Examinations [SPCC]; Requires that children who are entering school present evidence of having received a comprehensive vision examination which was performed within one year of their enrollment in school. Allows each district school board, and the governing authority of each private school, to establish a policy that permits a student up to 120 school days to present a certification of the vision exam, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

No comments exist.

SB 0514 Relating to Schools/Disability History & Awareness Instruction Fasano

Schools/Disability History & Awareness Instruction [SPCC]; Requires each district school board to provide disability history and awareness instruction to students in all K-12 public schools during the first 2 weeks in October of each year. Requires school boards to designate these 2 weeks as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks." Encourages state postsecondary institutions to conduct and promote activities related to disability history and awareness, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Compare

- SB 0110 Relating to Disability History and Awareness Weeks
- SB 0214 Relating to Disability History and Awareness Pilot Project
- SB 0856 Relating to Disability History and Awareness Pilot Project

Identical

- HB 0091 Relating to Disability History and Awareness

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

No comments exist.

SB 0562 Relating to Educational Facilities/Building Standards Constantine

Educational Facilities/Building Standards [RPCC]; Requires that educational facilities of a school district, a community college, a university, or the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, which cost more than \$100,000, must achieve certain ratings used by the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design or by the Green Building Initiative. Applies to facility designs that are approved after July 1, 2009, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Compare

- SB 0308 Relating to Energy Conservation
- SB 0412 Relating to Energy

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Green Schools (2006) Florida PTA recommends the adoption of incentive mechanisms encouraging school districts to utilize Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) established guidelines in building and renovating schools.

SB 0566 Relating to Automated External Defibrillators/Public Schools Constantine

Automated External Defibrillators/Public Schools [SPCC]; Requires that all public schools have an operational automated external defibrillator on the school grounds, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

No comments exist.

SB 0574 Relating to Schools/ROTC/Military Recruiters Baker

Schools/ROTC/Military Recruiters [SPCC]; Prohibits any school district or public secondary school from prohibiting ROTC units on campus or preventing a student from enrolling in an ROTC unit at another educational institution. Provides for military recruiters to have the same access to students

as provided by the school to postsecondary institutions or to prospective employers of those students, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Identical

HB
0251 Relating to Public Secondary Schools

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
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SB 0610 Relating to Physical Education/Grades 6-8 Constantine
Physical Education/Grades 6-8 [SPCC]; Requires district school boards to provide 225 minutes of physical education each week for students in grade 6 through grade 8, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Identical

HB
0757 Relating to Physical Education in the Public Schools

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	SUPPORT - National PTA Position: The Importance of Physical Education in Our Schools - Physical education programs and curricula should follow the minimum national standards as set forth by the President's Physical Education program and should be developmentally appropriate, sequential and cooperative in nature. National PTA and its constituent organizations urge Congress to continue to provide funding for physical education programs. National PTA supports daily physical education programs as an integral part of children's education.

SB 0668 Relating to Child-restraint Requirements Posey
Child-restraint Requirements [EPCC]; Changes the age requirement of children from 5 to 7 years of age or younger who must use a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device that is appropriate for the height and weight of the child. Adds a child booster seat as part of the requirements for children aged 4 through 7. Provides that the court shall dismiss a first violation against a motor vehicle operator upon proof of purchase of a restraint device, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.

Similar

HB
0619 Relating to Child-Restraint Requirements

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	No comments exist.

SB 0690 Relating to School District Division Wise
School District Division [SPCC]; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that counties, having 45,000 or more students, may be divided into two or more school districts as provided by law; to provide for the creation of a commission, by special law, to draw school district boundary lines, allocate assets, and provide for the contractual obligations, debts, and bonded indebtedness of the school district, etc.

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	OPPOSE - Florida PTA Position: Subdivision of School Districts (1998) FPTA urges the Legislature to reject any measures that propose dividing the existing 67 school districts into smaller districts.

SB 0702 Relating to Prekindergarten Education Rich
Prekindergarten Education [SPCC]; Makes mandatory the requirements for increased levels of education for prekindergarten instructors in future years. Requires that by the school year 2010-2011 each prekindergarten class of 11 or more students, in addition to the instructor, shall have at least one instructor who holds an associate's degree or higher in early childhood education or child development, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

Identical

HB
0741 Relating to Prekindergarten Education

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA	Public Comments
	SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Early Childhood Education: Readiness to Start School (1998) Florida PTA urges the Legislature to ensure that early child care and education

programs are safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate by establishing licensing requirements based on statewide standards that reflect current research. These programs should be affordable, available, and accessible with assistance for parents with inadequate income.

SB 0790 Relating to School Safety/Bullying and Harassment Baker
 School Safety/Bullying and Harassment [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Jeffrey Johnson Stand Up for All Students Act" which prohibits bullying or harassment during education programs or activities, on school buses, or through use of data or computer software accessed through computer systems of certain educational institutions. Defines "bullying" as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

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SB 0462 Relating to Prevention of Harassment/Public K-12 Schools

Similar

SB 0088 Relating to School Safety/Bullying and Harassment

HB 0669 Relating to School Safety

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Harassment Free Zones (2001) FPTA urges its local units and county councils to work with school and district administrators to ensure that Florida's schools become Harassment Free Zones where all students are safe from harassment, bullying and/or physical, verbal or emotional abuse for any reason, including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, physical/emotional/mental impairment, eating disorder, sexual orientation, disfigurement or other distinguishing characteristics.

HB 0813 Relating to Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Attkisson
 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program: Revises amounts of awards available to student qualifying as Florida Academic Scholar, Florida Medallion Scholar, or Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar; increases amounts available to qualifying student who pursues specified majors; decreases amounts available to qualifying student who pursues other majors. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

Similar

SB 1320 Relating to Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

Monitor

HB 0829 Relating to Public School Safety Planas
 Public School Safety: Revises requirements of district school board policies of zero tolerance for crime & victimization; authorizes expulsion, suspension, or placement in alternative program of students found to have committed certain offenses; requires consideration on case-by-case basis; revises reporting guidelines; requires appropriate continuing educational services for student offenders. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

Similar

SB 1346 Relating to School Board Policies/Crime and Victimization

Assigned Folder(s) PTA

FPTA Public Comments

Monitor

SB 0848 Relating to Public Schools/Human Sexuality Education Deutch
 Public Schools/Human Sexuality Education; Creates the "Florida Healthy Teens Act." Requires that any public school that receives state funding, directly or indirectly, and that provides information, offers programs, or contracts with third parties to provide information or offer programs regarding family planning, pregnancy, or sexually transmitted infections, including HIV and AIDS, shall provide comprehensive, medically accurate, and factual information, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB 0449 Relating to Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality

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SUPPORT - Florida PTA Position: Responsible Sexuality Education (2001) FPTA urges the Legislature and local school districts to require public school sexuality curricula that recognize the special place that sexuality has in our lives; are medically accurate and age appropriate; stress the value and benefits of remaining abstinent until involved in a committed, enduring and mutually monogamous relationship, assure awareness of optimal protection from sexually transmitted diseases and stress that there are no infallible methods of protection, except abstinence, and that condoms cannot protect against some forms of STDs. FPTA urges the Legislature and local school districts to require responsible sexuality education be part of normal school curricula, but families must retain the option to decline participation for their children.

HB 0879 Relating to Early Learning Kelly
 Early Learning: Authorizes use of telecommunication methods by early learning coalition boards; transfers requirements for establishment of statewide child care resource & referral network by DCFS to AWI; provides for use of early learning coalitions as child care resource & referral agencies; transfers duties of DCFS with respect to Child Care Executive Partnership Program to AWI & early learning coalitions; revises VPK accreditation standards & background screening requirements; provides requirements for assignment of substitute instructors.

Identical

SB 1670 Relating to Early Learning

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SB 0888 Relating to Florida Kidcare Program Dawson
 Florida Kidcare Program; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Florida Kidcare Program. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

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SUPPORT - National PTA Position: National Health Reform and Access to Care for Children, Youth, Families and Pregnant Women - National PTA supports legislation to assist states and localities to develop and fund comprehensive health care programs, including school-linked health clinics, and provide equitable access to quality, affordable health care for all children, youth and pregnant women.

SB 0990 Relating to Gifted/Academically Talented Student Education Wise
 Gifted/Academically Talented Student Education [SPCC]; Requires the Department of Education to develop, and district school boards to implement, procedures for screening students for identification as gifted or academically talented students. Requires students participating in a gifted or academically talented student education program to be evaluated at least every 3 years to determine whether the student is benefiting from, and continues to be eligible to participate in, the program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB 0297 Relating to Gifted and Academically Talented Student Education

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MONITOR - National PTA Position: Education for Gifted and Talented Children: National PTA endorses and supports educational programs in the public schools for those children identified as gifted and talented.

SB 1028 Relating to Public Schools/Starting Date Saunders (B)
 Public Schools/Starting Date; Prohibits public schools from starting instruction before August 15, beginning in the 2008-2009 school year, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB 0717 Relating to Starting Date for Public Schools

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Monitor - This is a local control issue.

SB 1062 Relating to Educator Certification/Foreign Languages Dockery
 Educator Certification/Foreign Languages [SPCC]; Requires passing scores on subject area

examinations in specified foreign languages for the purpose of demonstrating mastery of that subject area knowledge, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB
0207 Relating to Educator Certification Requirements

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	No comments exist.

SB 1068 Relating to Public School Required Instruction Siplin
Public School Required Instruction [SPCC]; Requires that the character-development program for kindergarten through grade 12 include conflict-resolution management, including peer mediation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB
0505 Relating to Required Instruction for Public Schools

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	MONITOR - Florida PTA Position: Curriculum - Comprehensive (1982) Florida PTA believes that quality education should include a basic comprehensive curriculum which would include, but not be limited to: (1) Basic Skills - language arts, writing, mathematics, arts, music, health, physical education, science and social studies; and (2) Life Skills - problem solving, decision-making, understanding of self and others and communication.

SB 1090 Relating to OGSR/Florida Kidcare Program Health Policy
OGSR/Florida Kidcare Program [SPCC]; Revises and readopts an exemption from the public records requirements for information identifying a Florida Kidcare program applicant or enrollee held by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, or the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.

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SB 1128 Relating to Minors/Distribution of Harmful Material Fasano
Minors/Distribution of Harmful Material; Provides that it is a third-degree felony for any person to sell, distribute, transmit, advertise, or to possess with the intent to sell, distribute, transmit, or advertise certain materials to minors, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB
0559 Relating to Distribution of Material Harmful to Minors

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SB 1172 Relating to Public School Utilization Wise
Public School Utilization; Establishes the Increased Utilization Program, beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Provides a formula that any eligible school that increases its FTE facility capacity by at least 20 percent as a result of using an alternative, nontraditional calendar shall receive up to a maximum of \$250 per each FTE generated within the school, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB
0519 Relating to Public School Utilization

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SB 1340 Relating to Public School Student Discipline Wise
Public School Student Discipline; Revises disciplinary actions that may be taken against a student who is charged with a felony, or a delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, for an incident that allegedly occurred on property other than public school property, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB

0499 Relating to Public School Student Discipline

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SB 1404 Relating to Child Care/Early Learning Programs/Pre-K Education Rich
 Child Care/Early Learning Programs/Pre-K Education; Creates Florida's Sunshine State Stars Quality Rating System within the Agency for Workforce Innovation to provide a voluntary, statewide standard rating system for licensed early learning programs, child care facilities, and facilities participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. Provides a 5 tier rating system to communicate the level of quality to parents, consumers, and the participating early learning programs, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

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HB
 0627 Relating to Child Care

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SB 1458 Relating to School Breakfast Programs Wise
 School Breakfast Programs; Requires the expansion of school district breakfast programs to middle and high schools. Specifies requirements for the provision of universal free school breakfast. Provides procedures for school breakfast programs and requires information to be communicated to students and parents. Authorizes the Department of Education to develop an incentive program to encourage student participation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB
 0623 Relating to School Food Service Programs

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	SUPPORT - National PTA Position: That local PTAs study the school lunch needs in their own communities so that existing school food service programs be strengthened or that new ones be established; that such programs make lunches available to all children at a minimum cost with special provision made for free and reduced-price lunches for those who cannot afford to pay; and that such programs be a part of the education program of the school, teaching good nutrition and good eating habits.

SB 1498 Relating to Public Schools/Service-Learning Programs Fasano
 Public Schools/Service-learning Programs; Requires the Department of Education to encourage school districts to initiate, adopt, expand, and institutionalize service-learning programs, activities, and policies in kindergarten through grade 12. Encourages these service-learning classes to be a student-centered, research-based teaching and learning strategies that engage students in meaningful service activities in their schools and communities, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB
 0659 Relating to Service Learning in the Public School System

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SB 1650 Relating to School Nurses/Epinephrine Auto-injectors Aronberg
 School Nurses/Epinephrine Auto-injectors ; Provides that a district school board may authorize a school nurse to maintain supplies and have the discretion to use prefilled epinephrine auto-injectors at schools in the school district. Requires a written prescription with the school nurse's name and the school district, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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HB
 0495 Relating to Public School Student Health Services

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SB 1662 Relating to School Bus Safety Aronberg
 School Bus Safety; Cites act as the "Diana Kautz Student Safety Sponsors Act." Provides for

district school boards to adopt policies for private sponsorship of described seat belt assemblies or other safety equipment on school buses, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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SB 7000 **Relating to OGSR/Florida Kidcare/Florida Healthy Kids Corp.** Health Policy
 OGSR/Florida Kidcare/Florida Healthy Kids Corp.; Amends a provision relating to a public-records exemption for certain records pertaining to the Florida Kidcare program. Provides for the release of certain information to the parent or legal guardian of an enrollee. Saves the exemption from repeal under the OGSR Act. Deletes provisions providing for the repeal of the exemption. Repeals a provision relating to a public-records exemption for the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.

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SB 7038 **Relating to Education** Education Pre-K - 12
 Education; Cites this act as the "Ethics in Education Act." Prohibits the Division of Retirement from paying benefits to a member who has committed certain felony offenses against a minor. Requires the Commissioner of Education to assist school districts, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and a private provider in developing policies and procedures governing educator ethics and employment, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

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