

2020-2021 Session Bills, Priority Bills

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary	Committee of Reference
Campus Concealed Carry				
HB 6001	Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms	Sabatini	Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms: Removes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility. Effective Date: July 1, 2020	Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee. 1st Reading on 01/14/20
College Consortium				
HB 3231	The Florida College Risk Management Consortium	Ponder	The Florida College System Risk Management Consortium; Provides an appropriation for The Florida College System Risk Management Consortium. APPROPRIATION: \$18,668,823	Reported out of Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee 12/10/2019. Now in Appropriations Committee. 1st Reading on Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Military				
HB 171/SB 372	Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel	Ponder/Lee	Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel: Requiring the BOG and SBE, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to create a uniform process for the awarding of postsecondary credit to certain servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces; requiring certain postsecondary institutions to award credit for specified courses taken and occupations held by individuals during military service beginning on a specified date; requires specified postsecondary institutions to waive transcript fee for active duty members, certain veterans, & their spouses & dependents. Effective Date: July 1, 2020	HB 171 Bill added to Special Order Calendar (2/26/2020) . SB 372, 02/13/20 S Retained on Calendar
Higher Education				
SB 62	K-12 Education	Stargel	Requiring that a resolution to levy discretionary sales tax include a statement containing certain information; defining the term "early college program"; changing the calculation of full-time equivalent student membership for dual enrollment purposes; providing for calculation of full-time equivalent membership for students earning the Capstone Diploma; requiring school board mental health policies and procedures to include certain items, etc.	Appropriations meeting for 02/06/2020 canceled, bill TP'ed
SB 72	Post Secondary Education	Stargel	Clarifying requirements for new construction, remodeling, or renovation projects; establishing state universities of distinction throughout the State University System; requiring that grant awards administered through the Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program not exceed a certain amount; specifying eligibility for initial awards under the Benacquisto Scholarship Program; revising the dates by which a spending plan must be submitted to a Florida College System institution's board of trustees for approval (Revises requirements for fund balances reporting at 5/7% based on FTE), etc.	Appropriations meeting for 02/06/2020 canceled, bill TP'ed

HB 725/SB 418	Workforce Education	Robinson/Diaz	Workforce Education; authorizes school district career centers to offer an AAS or ASN degree program in nursing, but only to graduates of a licensed practical nursing program offered at that same career center. Effective Date: 7/1/2020	HB 725 ,Passed; YEAS 117, NAYS 0 on Thursday, February 20, 2020 2:09 PM . SB 418 passed 6-1 in Education Committee, now in Appropriations Education Subcommittee
HB 613	Higher Education	Rodrigues	Revises provisions relating to SBE & BOG responsibilities, standards for preeminent state research universities program, performance-based metrics for state universities, length of time Phosphate Research & Activities Board member may serve, & specified growth rates at state universities; requires Commissioner of Education to submit recommendations relating to performance fund for Florida College System institutions (requires State colleges and universities to conduct an annual "intellectual diversity")	Reported favorable out of Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee on 01/15/20, now in Education
HB 953	Charter Schools	McClain	Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools; revises reporting & accountability requirements; provides for funding; authorizes career & professional academy to be offered by charter school.	Added to Second Reading Calendar on Monday, February 17
CS/HB 7073	Public postsecondary commercial sponsorships	HE Appropriations Subcommittee/Fine	Requires public postsecondary institutions to provide written notification to certain parties before they or their direct-support organizations enter into agreements for specified commercial sponsorships; requires such sponsorships to receive legislative authorization under certain circumstances.	Added to Second Reading Calendar on Monday, February 17,

Public Construction

SB 178/HB 579	Public Financing of Construction Projects	Rodriguez/Aloupis	Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas after a specified date without first taking certain steps regarding a sea level impact projection study; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies; requiring the department to enforce certain requirements and to adopt rules, etc.	SB 178 , now in State Affairs Committee on Tuesday, February 18 ; HB 579 now in Appropriations Committee
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Dual Enrollment

SB 1246	Dual Enrollment	Stargel	Students eligible for dual enrollment programs include students who are enrolled in home education programs; prohibiting district school boards and Florida College System institutions from denying students who have met eligibility requirements from participating in dual enrollment except under specified circumstances; providing that certain independent D39colleges and universities are eligible for inclusion in the dual enrollment and early admission programs; establishing the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program, etc.	Passed out of Appropriations Subcommittee on Education on 02/18/2020, now in Appropriations
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HB 187	Post Secondary Education for Secondary Students	Zika	Provides reporting requirements for postsecondary institutions; revises provisions relating to dual enrollment programs; renames collegiate high school programs as early college acceleration programs; revises requirements for such programs, provides free instructional materials to certain DE students	Favorable with CS by Education Committee on Tuesday, February 18, 2020
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Apprenticeships

SB 1568	Education	Hutson	Providing that individuals enrolled in certain preapprenticeship programs are deemed to be employees of the state for purposes of workers' compensation coverage; providing for the general duties of the Department of Education with regard to apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; requiring the apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program sponsors to be responsible for the selection and training of instructors, as approved by the department; revising criteria for apprenticeship occupations; revising the calculation of certain additional full-time equivalent membership relating to funding for the operation of schools, etc.	On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, 02/25/20
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HB 6035	Postsecondary Fee Exemptions	Overdorf	Postsecondary Fee Exemptions: Removes exemption from specified tuition & fees for students enrolled in approved apprenticeship programs at specified institutions.	Referred to Higher Education & Career Readiness Subcommittee; Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee
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SB 1322	Postsecondary Fee Exemptions	Wright	Postsecondary Fee Exemptions; Deleting an exemption from specified tuition and fees for students enrolled in approved apprenticeship programs at specified institutions, etc.	On Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education for 02/17/20; Appropriations
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Ethics

HB 1111/SB 1538	Government Integrity	Tomkow/Gruters	Creates Florida Integrity Office under Auditor General; revises provisions related to legislative procedure definitions, Auditor General, Chief Inspector General, CFO investigations, government efficiency hotline, agency inspectors general, saving sharing program, & contracting.	HB 1111, now in State Affairs Committee on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. SB 1538, Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability, Ethics and Elections, Rules
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SB 1185	Ethics Reform	Brannan	Repeals provisions relating to state, state university, & community college employee lobbyists; prohibits certain public service announcements by specified entities or persons; prohibits certain public officers & employees from soliciting employment & contractual relationships; provides exception & disclosure requirements; revises lobbyist registration, compensation report, principal designation cancellation, & investigation requirements.	Bill added to Special Order Calendar (2/26/2020) on Thursday, February 20, 2020
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HB 1113/SB 1270	Fiduciary Duty of Care for Appointed Public Officials and Executive Officers	Beltran/Lee	Establishes standards for fiduciary duty of care for appointed public officials & executive officers of specified governmental entities; requires training on board governance; requires DBPR to contract for or approve such training programs or publish list of approved training providers; specifies requirements for such training; authorizes training to be provided by in-house counsel for certain governmental entities; requires appointed public officials & executive officers to certify their completion of annual training; requires department to adopt rules; provides exception to training requirement; specifies requirements for appointment of executive officers & general counsels of governmental entities; specifies standards for legal counsel.	HB 1113, Now in Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee. SB 1270, Now in Rules on Thursday, February 20, 2020
FRS Contribution				
HB 5007/SB 7044	State-administered Retirement Systems	Appropriations Committee/Governmental Oversight and Accountability	State-administered Retirement Systems: Revises required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class & subclass of FRS; provides declaration of important state interes	HB 5007: Passed Special Order Calendar, 02/13/20. Ordered enrolled on Thursday, February 13. SB 7044: Laid on Table, refer to HB 5007 -SJ 305 on Thursday, February 13, 2020
Jury Service				
HB 393/SB 738	Jury Service	Stone/Harrell	Requires certain students in specified schools to be excused from jury service upon request.	HB 393, Added to Second Reading Calendar on Friday, February 14, 2020 . SB 738, now in Rules.
Appropriations				
SB 2500	Appropriations	Appropriations	Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2020, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc.	Reported out of Appropriations on 02/05/20, Placed on Special Order Calendar for 02/12/20. 02/13/20 S Laid on Table, refer to HB 5001 -SJ 281 on Thursday, February 13, 2020