

2020-2021 Session Bills, Priority Bills

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary	Committee of Reference	Related Bills
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	
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	
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 reported out of Education on 01/23/2020, placed on Calendar for 2nd reading. SB 372 Favorable out of Appropriations on 01/23/20, placed on Calendar for 2nd reading.	
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.	On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, for 01/29/20	
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 requierments for fund balances reporting at 5/7% based on FTE), etc.	On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, for 01/29/20	

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 out HE Appropriations Subcommittee on 01/22/20, now in Education Committee 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.	Favorable out of PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee on 01/15/2020. Now in Appropriations	
HEA 20-01	Naming of University/College Facilities	HE Appropriations Subcommittee/Fine	The bill amends s. 267.062, F.S., to prohibit institutions of both the State University System (SUS) and Florida College System (FCS) from executing an agreement to name a building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, stadium, or other facility after a business or corporation prior to authorization by an act of the Legislature.	Workshop held 01/22/2020 in HE Appropriations Subcommittee.	
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, reported out favorable by Environment and Natural Resources and Infrastructure and Security, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government ; HB 579 referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	
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.	Favorable out of Education on 01/21/20. Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education	HB 187

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	Reported out of PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee. Now in Appropriations	SB 1246
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 - Education, 01/27/20, 1:30 pm, 412 K	
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	SB 1322
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.	Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations	HB 6035
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, reported out of Public Integrity & Ethics Committee 01/24/2020, 1st reading on 01/24/2020. SB 1538, Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability, Ethics and Elections, Rules	
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.	Favorable out of Public Integrity & Ethics Committee on 01/23/2020, now in State Affairs Committee	