

Spring 2017 Policy Committee Updates



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Observed Themes

- School Choice
 - Successful charter corporations
 - Private schools
- Creating successful P-12 schools
 - Impact of educational leaders
 - Teacher retention
 - Character development
- Examining Certification
 - Barriers
 - Pathways



SB002: “Florida Excellence in Higher Education Act of 2017”

- **General Bill** by Galvano.
- **Summary:** revising requirements for the performance-based metrics used to award Florida College System institutions with performance-based incentives; revising the Distinguished Florida College System Institution Program excellence standards requirements; requiring each Florida Community College System institution to execute at least one “2+2” Targeted Pathway articulation agreement by a specified time, etc.
- **Effective Date:** 7/1/2017
- **Last Event:** 02/27/17 S Pending reference review -under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute) on Monday, February 27, 2017 12:24 PM



SB374: “College Competitiveness Act of 2017”

- **General Bill** by Hukill
- **Summary:** renaming the Florida College System as the Florida Community College System; creating the State Board of Community Colleges; revising the function and mission of the Florida K-20 education system; providing the primary mission of a career center operated by a district school board; providing that the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education, provide guidelines for Florida Community College System institution boards of trustees’ policies, etc.
- **Effective Date:** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2017
- **Last Event:** 2/8/2017 Senate - Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education



SB374: “College Competitiveness Act of 2017” (continued)

1. Changes articulation for 2 + 2 targeted pathway changing language from may to must enter into agreement with SUS and establishing guaranteed access with criteria for eligibility. Also eliminates barriers.
2. Changes governance by creating State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) and modifying community college baccalaureate degree approval process
3. Changes mission of Florida’s K-20 Education System by making baccalaureate degrees a secondary mission



SB104: Computer Coding Instruction

- **General Bill** by Brandes.
- **Summary:** Authorizing high schools to offer students opportunities to take specified computer coding courses beginning with a specified school year; providing that high schools will not be required to offer such courses; requiring the Commissioner of Education to identify the computer coding courses that satisfy two credits of sequential foreign language instruction under certain circumstances, etc.
- **Effective Date:** 7/1/2017
- **Last Event:** 2/7/2017 Senate - Now in Rules



SB 0868: Educational Options and Services

- **General Bill** by Baxley
- **Summary:** Providing that a participant in an adult or youth work experience activity in the Division of Blind Services is considered an employee of the state for workers' compensation coverage; revising student eligibility requirements for the Florida Virtual School and virtual instruction programs; requiring an institution that seeks initial approval after a specified date to offer a graduate-level teacher preparation program to offer students certain options, etc.
- **Effective Date:** 7/1/2017
- **Last Event:** Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations



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SB 0868: Educational Options and Services (continued)

Adds the following language to 1004.04:

(3) INITIAL STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL.—Beginning July 1, 2017, an institution that seeks initial approval to offer only a graduate-level teacher preparation program in an educator certification area that does not require a graduate-level degree shall provide students an option to complete the initial preparation program at the bachelor's level. **An existing state-approved program must also meet this requirement when it seeks continued approval pursuant to subsection (4).**



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SB668/HB859: Postsecondary Distance Education

- **General Bill** by Bean/Mariano.
- **Postsecondary Distance Education:** Authorizes this state to participate in reciprocity agreement for delivery of postsecondary distance education; establishes Postsecondary Reciprocal Distance Education Coordinating Council within DOE; requires SBE to adopt rules & approve fee schedule proposed by council; revises provisions relating to jurisdiction of Commission on Independent Education
- **Effective Date:** upon becoming a law
- **Last Event:** Filed on Thursday, February 16, 2017 5:11



SB688: Teacher Scholarship Program

- **General Bill** by Montford.
- **Teacher Scholarship Program:** Establishing the Teacher Scholarship Program within the Department of Education; specifying student eligibility requirements for undergraduate and graduate scholarships under the program; requiring each postsecondary institution to annually certify to the department by a specified date the names of students who are eligible for the program; requiring each postsecondary institution to notify the department throughout the academic year of whose scholarship should be rescinded due to disenrollment from an eligible teacher program, etc.
- **Effective Date:** 7/1/2017
- **Last Event:** 2/16/17 S Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; Appropriations on Thursday, February 16, 2017 4:27 PM



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SB688: Teacher Scholarship Program (continued)

The Teacher Scholarship Program to encourage students who exhibit academic excellence to pursue a career in education.

\$5,000/semester for two years PLUS one-time \$10,000 stipend after 1 year teaching

Eligibility: (UG listed but Grad comparable requirements)

1. Full-time in a State-Approved Program,
2. 80th percentile SAT/ACT,
3. Maintain 3.25 GPA



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HM 7002: Federal Education Funding

- **Memorial** by Cortes
- **Summary:** Urges Congress to establish block grant funding for Title I funds & IDEA Part B funds & discontinue federal education mandates requiring certain actions in order to maintain federal funding eligibility.
- **Effective Date:** n/a
- **Last Event:** Bill referred to House Calendar on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:25



Regarding FTCE

General Knowledge Test – First Time Pass Rates*

	Pass Rate - State	# Takers - State	# Pass - State
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	67%	393	263
Asian	68%	2,765	1,894
Black (non-Hispanic)	47%	20,095	9,355
Hispanic	59%	26,899	15,797
White (non-Hispanic)	77%	78,704	60,574
Other	64%	4,362	2,780
No Response	69%	9,554	6,622
Total	68%	142,772	97,285

*all sections combined NOT pass rate for entire test

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