



Legislative Update March, 2009

HB 355 Teacher Retention by Representative Martin Kiar

SB 1874 Teacher Retention by Senator Ted Deutch

Teacher Retention: Requires school report card delivered to parents in school district to include district's teacher turnover rate; creates Florida Teacher Induction Initiative to provide support to new teachers; requires district to develop & implement initiative; requires district to submit plan to address its new teacher attrition rate under certain circumstances; requires DOE to establish data collection & reporting system to determine annual district cost of replacing teachers; requires DOE to conduct study to determine relationship of teacher retention & attrition to student academic achievement.

HB 731 Tax on Sales Use and Other Transactions by Representative Dwight Bullard

SB 2582 Tax on Sales Use and Other Transactions by Senator

Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions: Provides for 1-percent increase in sales & use tax rate; revises brackets for calculating sales tax amounts; provides for distribution of revenues from additional 1-percent increase in tax rate; provides for 1-percent decrease in tax rate in 3 years; revises brackets for calculating sales tax amounts; deletes provision providing for distribution of revenues from 1-percent increase in tax rate.

SB 2458 Education Personnel by Senator Altman

HB 1411 Education Personnel by Representative Stargel

Education Personnel; Provides for access to records by certain DOE employees or agents in cases of child abuse or neglect. *Requires the DOE to report on the effectiveness of graduates of state-approved teacher preparation programs.* Creates provisions relating to contracts with instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2009. Provides conditions for receipt of probationary, annual, and professional performance contracts, etc.

(Please note that this bill includes language directing the State Board of Education to create rule to adopt the Florida Educators Accomplished Practices. Additionally, it includes language to allow providers of VPK to offer professional development to early childhood teachers.)

HB 489 State University Presidents by Representative Coley

SB 234 State University Presidents by Senator Gaetz

State University Presidents: Revises powers & duties of Board of Governors & university boards of trustees relating to personnel; provides that state university president is not subject to personnel program established by Board of Governors; requires that board of trustees appoint university president & establish & administer personnel program for president.

HB 619 Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions by Representative Heller

SB 156 Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions by Senator Ring

Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Revises provisions relating to licensure of institutions by Commission for Independent Education; revises accreditation requirements & standards by which institutions are evaluated; provides requirements for recognition of academic degrees conferred; requires institutions & commission to disclose certain information.

HB 479 Retirement by Representative Schenck

SB 1852 Florida Retirement System by Government Oversight & Accountability

Retirement: Redefines term "termination"; revises provisions relating to participation in Elected Officers' Class for retired members; revises provisions relating to participation in Senior Management Service Class; revises limitations on payment of retirement benefits contributions for certain retired persons; deletes restriction on reemployment of certain personnel by Florida School for Deaf & Blind; prohibits certain persons holding public office from electing to retire while continuing employment in that elected office; deletes provision authorizing employing agency to reemploy retired member as firefighter or paramedic after specified period; provides certain limitations for DROP participants; clarifies that DROP participation cannot be canceled; provides for suspension of DROP benefits to participant who is reemployed; authorizes Division of Retirement to issue benefits directly to certain alternate payees; repeals provisions authorizing developmental research school & the Florida School for Deaf & Blind to reemploy instructional personnel after retirement; repeals provisions relating to authorization of charter schools to reemploy instructional personnel after retirement; provides that certain persons are ineligible for renewed membership in FRS; repeals provisions relating to interstate compacts for pension portability; revises term "eligible employee."

Governor Crist – Legislative Priorities 2/09

- allocating \$25.2 billion to Health and Human Services
- \$10.3 billion to transportation and Economic Development
- \$4.9 billion law enforcement
- \$21.5 billion to education
 - \$183 more per student, for an average of \$7,044 per – student funding an increase of 2.67 % over current fiscal year