

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Last Action	Description
SB 126	Children/Confidential Records	Sen. Dockery	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Requires that the case record of a child under the supervision or in the custody of the DCFS be maintained in a complete and accurate manner. Specifies who has access to the case record. Provides for exceptions for the sharing of confidential information under certain circumstances.
HB 135	Public Records/Insured Dependents/Agency Group Plan	Rep. McKeel	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of certain insured dependents; provides for retroactive application of exemption; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity
HB 166	Pub. Rec./Donors' Identification/Public Buildings	Sen. Ring	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Creates an exemption from public records requirements for information that identifies a donor or prospective donor of a donation made for the benefit of a publicly owned building or facility if the donor desires to remain anonymous
HB 169	Equine Activities	Rep. Abruzzo	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Cites act as "Nicole's Law"; requires child younger than specified age to wear helmet when riding equine in certain locations
HB 216	Campaign Financing /Local Government	Sen. Justice	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Defines the terms "local government" and "public funds." Prohibits a local government from expending, and a person or group from accepting, public funds for a political advertisement or electioneering communication concerning an issue, referendum, or amendment that is subject to the vote of the electors. Provides an exception for certain electioneering communications. Clarifies restrictions with respect to local officials.
SB 278	Charter Schools	Sen. Gaetz	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Provides that a charter technical career center is subject to certain requirements in a financial emergency. Provides for the development of a financial recovery plan, which may be approved by the Commissioner of Education. Provides for duties of a charter school sponsor and governing board if a charter school or charter technical career center experiences a deteriorating financial condition or is in a financial emergency.
SB 316	High School Diplomas/Vietnam Vets	Rep. Constantine	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to award a high school diploma to honorably discharged Vietnam War veteran
SB 360	Growth Management	Sen. Bennett	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Deletes a penalty for local governments that fail to adopt a public school facilities element and interlocal agreement;authorizing the state land planning agency to issue a notice to a school board or local government to show cause for not imposing sanctions.

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HB 381	Care of Children	Rep. Thompson	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Care of Children; Creates "Zahid Jones, Jr., Give Grandparents & Other Relatives a Voice Act"; requires that case record of child under supervision or in custody of DCFS be maintained in complete & accurate manner; expands list of persons or entities that have access to child abuse records; renames "children's zones" as "children's initiatives"; revises provisions relating to strategic community plan; provides for reappropriation of funds
HB 425	Dept. Of Business and Professional Regulation	Rep. Plakon	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Revises provisions related to licensure of barbering, cosmetology and hospitality programs.
HB 453	Tax Credits for Contributions of Non profit Scholarship Funding Org.	Rep. Weatherford	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Tax Credits for Contributions to Nonprofit Scholarship-funding Organizations: Provides that credit authorized under Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program does not apply to credit for Florida alternative minimum tax; expands & renames Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program to include insurance premium tax credits; revises credits for contributions to nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; provides that taxpayer eligible to receive credit against insurance premium tax is not eligible to receive credit against corporate income tax; imposes additional requirement upon DOE; specifies school district tax credit scholarship notification requirements & limitations; provides for credits against insurance premium tax for contributions to specified eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; authorizes certain insurers that made past contributions to Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program to claim credits against future corporate income tax liability; requires insurer to apply to DOR for such credits & file amended corporate income tax & insurance premium tax returns
HB 479	Retirement	Rep. Schenck	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Revises provisions relating to participation in FRS; provides requirements & restrictions on use of promotional materials; excludes participation of certain persons & entities; revises provisions relating to receiving credit for past or prior service; revises provisions relating to retirement benefits; deletes restriction on reemployment of certain personnel by Florida School for Deaf & Blind; extends period of time that certain personnel may participate in DROP; provides for suspension of DROP benefits to participant who is reemployed
HB 481	Highway Safety	Rep. Kreegle	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Provides additional penalty for violations of provisions that require traffic to stop for school bus,
HB 509	Veterans	Rep. Zapata	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Authorizes eligible student who receives benefits as veteran who served on active duty in Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, to defer college tuition & fees under certain circumstances

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HB 521	Ad Valorem Tax Assessment Challenges	Rep. Lopez-Cantera	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Ad Valorem Tax Assessment Challenges: Revises burden of proof requirements in taxpayer challenges to ad valorem tax assessments of value; requires property appraisers to prove compliance with specified laws & appraisal practices; provides presumption of correctness under specified circumstances; provides taxpayer burden of proof requirements; deletes provisions relating to presumption of correctness of assessment by property appraiser; specifies that property appraiser's denial of exemption or assessment classification does not have presumption of correctness in administrative or judicial actions; requires taxpayer to prove entitlement to ad valorem tax exemption or classification by preponderance of evidence; provides legislative intent relating to taxpayer burden of proof; rejects specified case law precedents; provides for retroactive application
HB 597	Homelessness	Rep. Reed	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Requires Commissioner of his designee to sit on the Council on Homelessness.
SB 606	Florida Pre Paid College Program	Sen. Wise	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Revises provisions relating to the transfer of benefits received from the Florida Prepaid College Program to private and out-of-state colleges and universities and to career centers.
HB 611	Public Construciton Projects	Rep. Hukill	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Public Construction Projects: Increases threshold amount for competitively awarding certain public projects; revises exceptions to requirement that certain public projects be competitively awarded; defines terms "repair" & "maintenance"; requires local governments to provide notice for certain public projects; provides notice requirements; extends notice period for specified public meetings; requires local government to support decision to perform project with its own employees & make factual finding that project cost will be same or less than lowest bid; provides additional exceptions for projects related to public-use airports, certain ports, & certain public transit or transportation systems; revises index & date for adjusting threshold amounts; revises provisions for certain challenges to local government actions; authorizes governmental entities to consider certain contractors ineligible to bid
HB 635	Military Affairs	Rep. Scionti	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Providing exceptions under which employers are not required to allow such members to return to work; providing for entitlement to seniority and other rights and benefits for National Guard members returning to work following state active duty; providing that such members may not be discharged from employment except for cause; providing rights and requirements with respect to use of vacation and leave by such members; removing a limitation with respect to the right of an employee ordered into state active duty to bring a civil action for a specified violation by an 18 employer.

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HB 685	Education Dollars for Duty Program	Rep. Proctor	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Revises provisions relating to Educational Dollars for Duty educational assistance program; revises duties of Adjutant General with respect to program; removes duties of BOG & SBE with respect to program; provides for education assistance for members of Florida National Guard who enroll in authorized course of study at specified public or nonpublic institution of higher learning; revises application requirements to include active drilling members; provides requirement of service in guard for specified period; provides condition of ineligibility to participate in program; revises courses not authorized for program; authorizes college preparatory courses for program; deletes provisions relating to State Tuition Exemption Program; authorizes DMA to pay tuition & fees for current members; provides eligibility to use program upon enlistment; requires DMA to pay tuition & fees for member enrolled in nonpublic postsecondary institution or nonpublic vocational-technical program in specified amount; prohibits participation by certain members; provides for applicability of a requirement to reimburse DMA for tuition charges & s
HB 701	Notices of Proposed Property Taxes	Rep. Hudson	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Revises form of notice of proposed property taxes to include additional information relating to past & proposed millage rates & ad valorem taxes & assessment reductions & exemptions; defines terms; conforms cross-references
HB 739	Community College Student Fees	Rep. Chestnut	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Authorizes Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College to establish transportation fee
HB 807	Florida Kidcare Program	Rep. Clarke-Reed	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Requires an OPPAGA study to include DOE related to duplication of related services/programs.
HB 895	Pub. Rec./Education Testing Impropriety	Rep. Roberson	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Provides exemption from public records requirements for investigation of education testing impropriety & information obtained pursuant to investigation
HB 948	Emergency Medical Services	Rep. Jones	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Revises requirements for the field internship experience in paramedic programs.
HB 991	School Improvement and Accountability	Rep. Grady	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Revises provisions relating to powers & duties of district school boards to implement state system of school improvement & education accountability; requires that State Board of Education comply with federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA); requires that DOE categorize public schools annually based on school grade & level & rate of change in student performance

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SB 1128	Education/Children in Shelter Care or Foster Care	Sen. Rich	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Requires the Department of Education and district school boards to access the Florida Safe Families Network to obtain information about children known to the Department of Children and Family Services. Provides requirements for educational placement. Requires DCFS, AHCA, & residential facilities licensed by APD to notify certain school districts following the placement of an exceptional student in a private residential care facility,
HB 1209	Nursing Programs	Rep. Grimsley	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Revises provisions for approval of nursing programs by Board of Nursing; requires institutions wishing to conduct certain nursing programs to submit program application & pay program review fee to DOH; specifies that program application is deemed approved if board does not act within specified timeframes; provides standards for approval of nursing programs, etc.
SB 1248	Public K-12 Instructional Materials	Sen. Wise	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Deletes a provision that requires a public school principal to collect 50 to 75 percent of a textbook's purchase price from a student who has lost, destroyed, or damaged a textbook that has been in use for more than 1 year. Requires the DOE to encourage school districts to initiate, adopt, expand and institutionalize service learning programs, activities, and policies in kindergarten through grade 12,
SB 1284	Florida Statutes	Sen. Villalobos	3/17 Signed into law	Amends, deletes, and reenacts provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded. Replaces incorrect cross-references and citations. Corrects grammatical, typographical, and like errors. Removes inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes
HB 1539	Certification of Public School Athletic Coaches	Rep. Fresen	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Certification of Public School Athletic Coaches: Provides that completion of sports safety course shall meet certain inservice certification requirements; requires sports safety course to be approved by FHSAA Board of Directors & to meet specified requirements
SB 1540	Zero Tolerance	Sen. Wise	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Requires that a district school board having a policy authorizing corporal punishment as a form of discipline review its policy on said punishment at specified intervals. Provides that zero-tolerance policies do not require the reporting of petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanors to a law enforcement agency. Encourages school districts to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to law enforcement agencies

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SB 1616	Career and Adult Education	Sen. Oelrich	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Renames the Division of Workforce Education within the DOE as the "Division of Career and Adult Education." Revises the membership of the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council. Provides for a standard high school diploma designation for completed industry certifications. Requires that OPPAGA review and provide a report on workforce education programs for occupations not included on specific occupation lists and on funding options
SB 1676	Education Funding	Education Pre K12 Approp.	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Education Conforming bill
SB 1696	Higher Education Funding	Higher Education Approp.	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Higher Ed Conforming bill
SB 1796	Governmental Financial Information	Governmental Oversight & Accountability	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Directs the Legislative Auditing Committee to provide oversight and management of a state website providing information on governmental appropriations and expenditures. Creates the "Transparency Florida Act." Requires the Executive Office of the Governor to establish a website providing information relating to each appropriation in the General Appropriations
SB 1804	State Owned Real Property	Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Requires the state to offer to lease state-owned buildings or lands to state agencies and universities before being offered for sale or lease to others. Requires that an agency seeking to lease a privately owned building or land receive a determination from the DMS that the lease serves the best interests of the state. Requires the DMS to create and maintain a database of state-owned property
SB 1806	Service Charge on Income of Trust Funds	Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Increases the service charge on income of a revenue nature deposited into certain trust funds. Applies the increased service charge to service charges deposited into the General Revenue Fund on or after a certain date. Increases surcharge on income of a trust fund for income relating to marketing orders. Increases the service charge on income to the General Inspection Trust Fund of the DOACS
SB 2188	Administrative Procedures	Sen. Joyner	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Requires each agency to give notice of public meetings, hearings, and workshops on the agency's website. Requires an agency to ensure that staff be available at a public hearing regarding the proposed rule. Requires that certain materials submitted to the agency between the date of publication of the notice and the end of the final public hearing be considered by the agency and made a part of the record of the rulemaking proceeding, etc.

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SB 2538	Supplemental Educational Services	Sen. Detert	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Supplemental Educational Services [SPSC]; Requires that each supplemental educational services provider report certain information to the DOE regarding services to public school students in the district by a specified date each year. Requires that the DOE post a uniform survey on its Internet website to be completed online by principals and school districts. Requires that the DOE evaluate each provider based on such information and assign a service designation
SB 2574	Information Technology	Governmental Oversight & Accountability	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Deletes an obsolete provision relating to duties of the Legislative Budget Commission. Revises the duties of the Agency for Enterprise Information Technology. Creates the Office of Information Security within the agency. Provides that the Northwood Shared Resource Center is an agency established with the DCFS. Establishes a state electronic mail system as an enterprise information technology service
SB 2600	General Appropriations Act	Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of State government
SB 2602	Implementing Appropriations	Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Implementing bill for the General Appropriations Act.
SB 2626	Telecommunications Companies	Sen. Haridopolos	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Creates the "Consumer Choice and Protection Act." Authorizes the DMS to engage in certain activities related to assessing the need for broadband Internet service in the state, planning for such service, and encouraging the statewide deployment of such service. Provides that the price for any service that was treated as basic service before a specified date may not be increased by more than the amount allowed for basic service
SB 2666	Public Procurement of Services	Sen. Haridopolos	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Authorizes the DMS to select and contract with construction management entities to assist in the management of state construction projects. Provides that a construction management entity may be required to offer a guaranteed maximum price and a guaranteed completion date under specified circumstances and secure a surety bond. Revises provisions relating to contracting and construction for educational facilities

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SB 2682	Florida College System	Sen. Pruitt	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Renames the Division of Community Colleges as the Division of Florida Colleges. Defines the terms "Florida college" and "community college." Specifies the counties served by each Florida college. Provides that Florida colleges may offer specified baccalaureate degree programs through agreements with regionally accredited postsecondary educational institutions
SB 2694	State Financial Matters	Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Prohibits an agency or branch of state government from contracting to pay, without legislative authority, liquidated damages or early termination fees resulting from the breach or early termination of a contract or agreement, from contracting to pay interest because of insufficient budget authority to pay an obligation in the current year, from obligating the state to make future payments to cover unpaid payments
HB 7019	OGSR/Government - Sponosred Recreation	Governmentatl Affairs Policy	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Removes scheduled repeal under Open Government Sunset Review Act of exemption from public records requirements for information that would identify or locate child who participates in government-sponsored recreation program or parent or guardian of child; provides definitions; reorganizes exemption, makes editorial changes, & removes superfluous language
HB 7025	OGSR/Archival Materials	Governmentatl Affairs Policy	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Removes scheduled repeal under Open Government Sunset Review Act of exemption from public records requirements for nonpublic manuscripts or other archival materials donated to & held by official archive of municipality or county contingent upon special terms & conditions that limit right to inspect or copy such manuscripts or materials
HB 7031	Economic Development	Economic Development and Policy Committee	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Related to the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) requires the DOE and other state agencies to designate a deputy secretary or higher-level staff person to serve as a representative for the agency; it also requires the agencies listed in the bill to use available tools and resources to promote the creation and development of catalyst projects and sites
HB 7051	OGSR/Social Secuirty Numbers	Governmentatl Affairs Policy	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Provides that social security numbers of current & former agency employees held by employing agency are confidential & exempt from public records requirements; provides for future review & repeal of exemption;
HB 7089	Exceptional Students	Pre K-12 Policy	Passed - has not been	Revises provisions relating to due process hearings for exceptional students;

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HB 7117	Student Records	Education Policy Council	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Deletes provisions relating to rights parents have regarding children's postsecondary student records to conform to changes made by act; deletes certain provisions governing release of K-12 student records & reports to specified parties; requires that State Board of Education comply with federal law with respect to release of education records; requires that public postsecondary educational institutions comply with federal law
HB 7119	Public Rec./Education Records (FERPA)	Education Policy Council	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Provides exemption from public records requirements for K-12 education records held by agency, public school, center, institution, or other entity that is part of state's education system; expands exemption from public records requirements for records of students in public postsecondary educational institutions to include education records & applicant records
HB 7121	Postsecondary Distance Learning	House Education Policy Council	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	Establishes Florida Distance Learning Consortium to facilitate collaboration among public postsecondary educational institutions in use of distance learning; provides duties of consortium; defines distance learning course for purposes of assessing distance learning course user fee for community college & state university students
HB 7141	Seaport Security	Criminal and Civil Justice Policy Council	Passed - has not been presented to the Governor	The commissioner or his designee shall be a member of Seaport Security Officer Qualification, Training, and Standards Coordinating Council. The Commissioner or his designee shall serve as the chair of the council.