



Department of Education

Legislative Update

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2003 Legislative Session Update

Statistics



614 Senate bills, resolutions, or memorials filed



192 House bills, resolutions, or memorials filed

806 Total Bills Filed as of 2/14/03



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- As of 02/14/03 the Department of Education's Governmental Relations Office is tracking **173 Bills** – almost half are K-12 related bills
- House staff have requested 7 bill analysis and Senate staff have requested 15 bill analysis or fiscal notes for a total of 22 bill analysis requests



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Legislative Calendar – Key Dates

- Week of February 17th Regular Committee Meetings
- No Committee Meetings Scheduled for Week of February 24th
- Regular Session Convenes March 4th (105th Regular Session)
- March 4th last day for filing bills
- Last Day for Committee Meetings: House (April 17th) and Senate (April 22nd)
- Last Day of Regular Session = May 2, 2003



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State Board of Education Legislative Policy Priorities:

- Enhance teacher preparation and retention and school administrator preparation
- Promote parental involvement and empowerment
- Create a K-20 accountability system linked to performance funding
- Strengthen charter school accountability
- Promote tuition flexibility linked to institutional performance, including student achievement
- Implement select recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Students with Disabilities



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State Board of Education Legislative Policy Priorities:

- Revise school recognition criteria
- Recommend amendment 11 implementing language
- Amend the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) requirement for participation in the Bright Futures Scholarship program
- Align “weighting” of advanced course work
- Identify school code glitch bill recommendations
- Ensure the confidentiality of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test



2003 Legislative Session Update:

Voluntary Universal Pre-Kindergarten Education

Every four-year-old shall be offered a high quality pre-kindergarten learning opportunity by the state no later than the 2005 school year. This voluntary early childhood development and education program shall be established according to high quality standards and shall be free for all Florida four-year-olds without taking away funds used for existing education, health, and development programs.



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Voluntary Universal Pre-Kindergarten Education

Implementation Issues:

- **State Level Administrative Placement and Infrastructure** (Agency Workforce Innovation, Department of Education, Governor's Office, other
- **Local Governance** (who will be responsible at the local level? existing 50 local coalitions, school boards, etc.)
- **Program/Quality Standards** (will there be state standards for programs and personnel requirements? Accountability system?)
- **Funding** (develop a funding model? What is the definition of a school day? School year? Revenue source?)



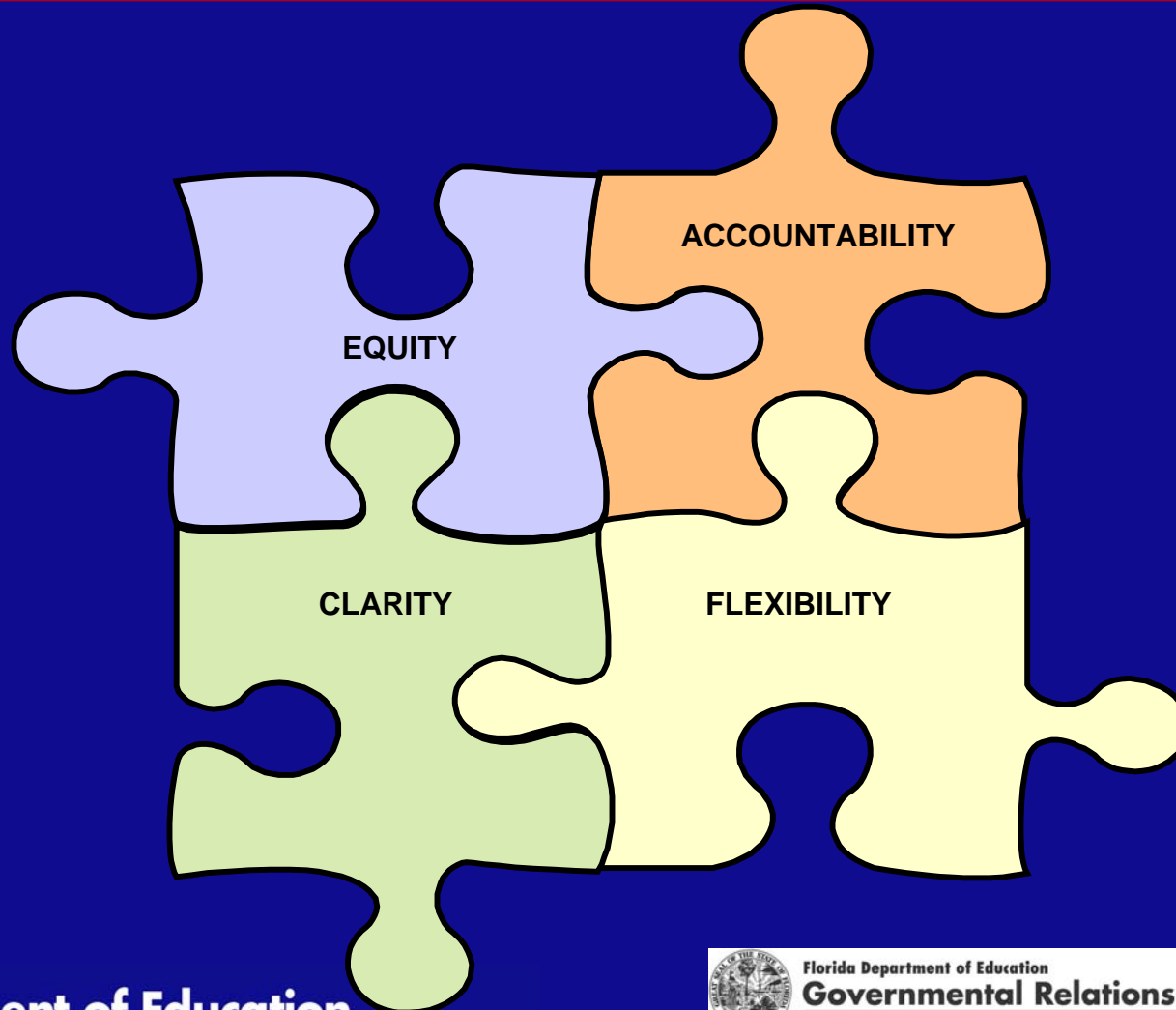
2003 Legislative Session Update:

Class Size Reduction

Requires the Legislature to provide funding for sufficient classrooms so that there be a maximum number of students in public school classes for various grade levels; requires compliance by the beginning of the 2010 school year; requires the Legislature and not local school districts, to pay for the costs associated with reduced class size; prescribes a schedule for phased –in funding to achieve the required maximum class size.



2003 Legislative Session Update: Class Size Reduction Guiding Principles



2003 Legislative Session Update:

Board of Governors

A local board of trustees shall administer each state university. Each board shall have thirteen members dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and service to community. A statewide governing board of seventeen members shall be responsible for the coordinated and accountable operation of the whole university system. Wasteful duplication of facilities or programs is to be avoided. Provides procedures for selection and confirmation of board members, including one student and one faculty representative per board.



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Implementation Issues:

- Staggered Terms
- Legislation appears to be headed beyond a revisers bill but stops short of school code re-write
- Revise section 1001.02, F.S. (General powers of State Board of Education)
- Create new section of statutes for general powers of the Board of Governors
- Funding





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