2017 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
FLORIDA COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
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### 2017 Legislative Summary

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Legislative Summary Resources

- Legislative Update Presentation
- Legislative Review Book
- Legislative Implementation Overview Chart
  - Technical Assistance and Notification Memos

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K -12 Education Impacting Legislation
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- **HB 15- Educational Options**
  - Expands the eligibility and services for the Gardiner Scholarship and increases the scholarship amount for the tax credit scholarship

- **SB 256- Center for Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching**
  - Eliminates the expiration date of the statute that authorizes the Center

- **HB 293- Middle Grades**
  - Requires a study of states with high-performing students in grades 6-8

- **HB 371- Assistive Technology Devices**
  - Allows students to take Assistive Technology Devices home and to the community

- **SB 436- Religious Expression in Public Schools**
  - Prohibits a school district from discriminating on the basis of religious expression. Requires DOE to develop a model policy

- **HB 749- Adoption Benefits**
  - Allows charter school and virtual school employees to receive adoption benefits
Education Impacting Legislation

• HB 781- School Grades
  • Defines a K-3 feeder pattern school as one where the majority of the students are assigned to the graded school

• HB 989- Instructional Materials
  • Allows a parent or resident of the county to raise objection of an instructional material to the school board

• HB 1109- Private School Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities
  • Allows private school students to participate in extracurricular activities in a school that they choose, provided the school has not reached capacity

• HB 1239- School Bus Safety
  • Increases penalties for school bus violations
House Bill 7069

• Enrolled Text of the Bill:
  HB 7069

• House Message Summary:
  Conference Report
Postsecondary Education Impacting Legislation
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• **SB 374 - Postsecondary Education**
  - See attached handout

• **SB 396 - Student Loan Debt**
  - Requires Postsecondary Institutions that receive state financial aid to provide annually to students information regarding their student loans

• **HB 501 - Public Records Exemption - Information Technology/Postsecondary Education Institutions**
  - Provides a public records exemption for information technology security incidents

• **HB 859 - Postsecondary Distance Education**
  - Authorizes Florida to participate in a reciprocity agreement with other states for the delivery of postsecondary distance education

• **HB 1079 - Public Records Exemption - Campus Emergency**
  - Provides a public records exemption for campus emergency response plans
Agency Impacting Legislation

• **HB 181- Natural Hazards**
  • Requires each agency to designate a liaison to the natural hazards interagency workgroup

• **HB 207- Agency Inspectors General**
  • Prohibits awarding of employment bonus to inspector or deputy inspectors

• **SB 370- Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol**
  • Requires benefits to employees who are civil air patrol members

• **HB 599- Public Work Projects**
  • Prohibits a political subdivision from requiring a contractor of a public work project to adhere to certain employee restrictions

• **HB 1021- Construction**
  • Requires DOE and DEO to develop a plan to implement the construction industry task force recommendations
Direct Support Organizations
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- Removed the Sunset provision for the repeal of the DBS DSO
- Requires additional oversight by DOE and reporting
- Transfers funds to DOE trust fund
- Requires VR to administer High School High Tech
- Limits administrative costs
- Moves the repeal date to 2019