

LCS DAC Legislative Update

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SB 148 / H 7: Individual Freedom

Providing that subjecting any individual, as a condition of employment, membership, certification, licensing, credentialing, or passing an examination, to training, instruction, or any other required activity that espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates, or compels such individual to believe specified concepts constitutes discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin; revising the requirements for required instruction on health education; prohibiting instructional materials reviewers from recommending instructional materials that contain any matter that contradicts certain principles, etc.

Senate location - Rules Committee, then to full Senate (barring any changes)

House location - Education & Employment Committee, then to full House (barring any changes)

Effective - July 1, 2022

SJR 192 / H 77: Commissioner of Education

Commissioner of Education; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide for the election of the Commissioner of Education and his or her inclusion as a member of the Cabinet and the State Board of Education, etc.

Senate location - Introduced with three Committee hearings (Ethics & Elections, Education, and Rules) before going to full Senate.

House location - had first reading with three Committee hearings (Education & Employment, Public Integrity & Elections, and State Affairs) before going to full House.

If approved, Constitutional amendment would have to be approved by at least 60% of voters.

SB 236 / H 15: Children with Developmental Delays

Children with Developmental Delays; Revising the definition of the term “exceptional student” to include additional students with developmental delays, etc.

Senate location - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education with one more Committee hearing (Appropriations) before going to full Senate.

House location - Education & Employment Committee, then to full House (barring any changes).

Effective - July 1, 2022

SJR 244 / H 35: Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards

Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election, etc.

Senate location - Education Committee with one more Committee hearing (Rules) before going to full Senate.

House location - Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee with two more Committee hearings (Public Integrity & Elections and Education & Employment Committee) before going to full House.

If approved, Constitutional amendment would have to be approved by at least 60% of voters.

SB 298 / H 587: Teacher Salaries / Instructional Personnel and School Administrator Salaries

Requiring each school district that has not yet reached a specified minimum base salary to use its share of the teacher salary increase allocation in a specified manner; authorizing school districts that have met the minimum base salary for full-time classroom teachers to use funds to raise the salaries of specified personnel; authorizing, instead of prohibiting, district school boards to use advanced degrees as a criterion in setting a salary schedule for certain personnel; authorizing certain instructional personnel to continue to use a salary schedule adopted before a district school board adopts a performance salary schedule or opt into the performance salary schedule, etc.

Senate location - Education Committee with two more hearings (Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, and Appropriations) before going to full Senate.

House location - PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee with two more hearings (Education & Employment Committee, and Appropriations Committee) before going to full House.

Effective - July 1, 2022

SB 308 / H 111: Crimes Evidencing Prejudice / Offenses Evidencing Prejudice

Crimes Evidencing Prejudice; Expanding grounds for the reclassification of crimes to include acts of prejudice based on the gender or gender identity of any person; specifying that the reclassification occurs if the crime was based in whole or in part on the race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, homeless status, advanced age, gender, or gender identity of any person; replacing the term “mental or physical disability” with the term “disability”; defining the term “disability”; expanding the data the Governor is required to collect and disseminate to include incidents of criminal acts that evidence prejudice based on gender, gender identity, or disability, etc.

Senate location - Introduced with three Committee hearings (Criminal Justice, Judiciary, and Appropriations) before going to full Senate.

House location - Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee with two more hearings (Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, and Judiciary Committee) before going to full House.

Effective - July 1, 2022

SB 390 / H 235: Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools

Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools; Prohibiting school personnel from using mechanical restraint on students with disabilities; providing exceptions, etc.

Senate location - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education with one more Committee hearing (Appropriations) before going to full Senate.

House location - full House (2nd reading)

Effective - July 1, 2022

SB 1048 / H 1193: Student Assessments / K-12 Assessments and Accountability

Student Assessments; Revising the grade levels for which the coordinated screening and monitoring program measures student progress in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; revising requirements for the statewide, standardized comprehensive assessments program, beginning with a specified school year; requiring that progress monitoring include both a web-based and mobile device-compatible option; requiring 2022-2023 school and school district grades to serve as an informal baseline for schools and school districts; providing that school improvement ratings will not be calculated for a certain school year, etc.

Senate location - Appropriations Committee, then to full Senate (barring any changes).

House location - PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee with one re-hearing (Education & Employment Committee), then to full House (barring any changes).

Effective - July 1, 2022 (if passed)

SB 1068 / H 155: Certificates of Completion

Certificates of Completion; Providing that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in workforce education programs; providing that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in workforce education programs; requiring charter technical career centers to identify such programs; requiring that students be advised of specified educational options before being awarded a certificate of completion, etc.

Senate location - Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee with one more hearing (Rules) before going to full Senate.

House location - Education & Employment Committee, then goes to full House.

Effective - July 1, 2022

SB 1834 / H 1557(c1): Parental Rights in Education

Parental Rights in Education; Requiring district school boards to adopt procedures that comport with certain provisions of law for notifying a student's parent of specified information; requiring such procedures to reinforce the fundamental right of parents to make decisions regarding the upbringing and control of their children in a specified manner; prohibiting a school district from adopting procedures or student support forms that require school district personnel to withhold from a parent specified information or that encourage or have the effect of encouraging a student to withhold from a parent such information; prohibiting a school district from encouraging classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade levels or in a specified manner, etc.

Senate location - routing to Appropriations Committee with one more hearing (Rules) before going to full Senate.

House location - Judiciary Committee, then goes to full House.

Effective - July 1, 2022

HB 1055: Video Cameras in Public School Classrooms

Video Cameras in Public School Classrooms; Authorizes school districts to adopt policy to place video cameras in public school classrooms; provides requirements for such policy; provides for viewing video recordings; provides DOE, school district, school, & certain employee responsibilities.

****This would be a continued build out F.S. 1003.574, which was created by the passage of SB 192 / HB 149 (2021 Session).****

House location - Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee with three hearings pending (Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee, Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, and Education & Employment Committee) before going to full House.

Effective - July 1, 2022

CS/SB 758 / H865(c1) : Education / Charter Schools

Education; Establishing the Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education; requiring the Commissioner of Education to appoint members; authorizing the commission to solicit and review charter school applications; requiring that the district school board that oversees the school district where a charter school approved by the commission will be located shall serve as the charter school's sponsor; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct an analysis of charter school capital outlay and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date, etc.

Senate location - Appropriations Committee, then goes to full Senate (barring any changes).

House location - PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee with one hearing (Education & Employment Committee) before going to full House.

Effective - July 1, 2022

CS/SB 1294: Individual Education Plan Meetings

Individual Education Plan Meetings; Authorizing a parent of a public school student to audio or video record any meeting with his or her child's individual education plan (IEP) team; requiring the parent to notify the school district in writing a specified time in advance of his or her intent to record the meeting; prohibiting a parent or any other individual in possession of such audio or video recording from publicly sharing its contents without the consent of all recorded parties; providing that parents have the right to audio or video record meetings with their child's IEP team, etc.

Senate location - Governmental Oversight and Accountability with one hearing pending (Rules) before going to full Senate.

Effective - July 1, 2022

CS/SB 1300 / H 1467: District School Boards / K-12 Education

District School Boards; Revising the salaries of district school board members; requiring elementary schools, district school boards, and the Department of Education to post in certain formats on their websites specified information relating to instructional materials and other materials; revising requirements for the department relating to the development of training programs for the selection of materials used in schools and library media centers, etc.

Senate location - Rules Committee, then goes to full Senate (barring any changes).

House location - scheduled for full House calendar..

Effective - July 1, 2022