



Legislative Affairs Department
Broward County Public Schools

Legislative Weekly Report: Pre-Committee Week 2

OVERVIEW

This week in Tallahassee the legislature continued with the second week of pre-committee meetings. Superintendent Runcie participated in a panel regarding the importance of funding mental health services in school districts. Aston Henry, Director, Risk Management participated in a panel regarding FEMA and hurricane preparations for the Senate Appropriation Pre-K-12 Subcommittee. The video can be found [here](#).

Representative Shevrin Jones filed a bill that would guarantee a \$3,000 pay raise for every teacher and principal in Florida next year. Governor Scott announced that he will ask legislators to set aside \$63 million for school supplies, giving teachers \$100 to spend. Senate Republicans have selected Sen. Bill Galvano of Bradenton to be the Senate President in 2018. In the last pre-committee week, Rep. Jose Oliva of Miami Lakes was voted to become the 2018 Speaker of the House.

In the Florida Constitution Review Commission (CRC), two K-12 education related proposals were filed this week by Erika Donalds. [P 32](#) requires that School Board Members, the State Board of Education, State University System (SUS) Board of Governors, and SUS Board of Trustees serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses. [P 33](#) requires that all Superintendents of schools are appointed by the district school board. Prior to this week, bills were filed to [promote civic literacy in public education](#) and to [remove the prohibition against using public revenues in aid of religious denomination or any sectarian institution](#). The deadline for member-sponsored amendments and the next CRC meeting is Tuesday, October 31st.

In Washington, Congress has yet to extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), however, the House is set to vote on an extension next week.

The US Department of Education is reportedly considering delaying or wiping out an Obama administration rule that prevents overrepresentation of minorities in special education.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Florida Gov. Scott: Blame 'System' for Teacher Pay [US News](#)

Gov. Scott wants to spend more on teacher supplies [The Gainesville Sun](#)

Next president of Florida Senate wants to innovate, move state toward future [Miami Herald](#)

On HB 7069, with Palm Beach schools superintendent Robert Avossa [Tampa Bay Times](#)

Decision Delayed On KidCare Premiums [WLRN](#)

House to vote on funding for Children's Health Insurance Program next week [The Hill](#)

DeVos mulled delay of Obama special ed rule [Politico](#)

Betsy DeVos' schedule shows focus on religious and nontraditional schools [The New York Times](#)

Education Department withdrawing nearly 600 policy documents it says are outdated [Washington Post](#)

EVENT CALENDAR		
<i>Please contact us for additional details on any event/meeting below.</i>		
Event	Date	Location
Broward Days Kickoff Reception	October 30 th	Brightline Fort Lauderdale Station
Pre-Committee Week 3	November 6-9 th	Tallahassee, FL
Next Gen Engage	December 7 th	Monarch High School
Joint School Board and Legislative Delegation Meeting	December 12 th	Broward County Governmental Center
First Day of Regular Session	January 9 th	Tallahassee, FL
TALLAHASSEE: THE WEEK IN REVIEW		
SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS		
Below is a summary of the Senate Subcommittee hearings this past week.		
Education		
The committee met this week to hold a workshop regarding preparing postsecondary students for success.		
Pre-K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee		
The subcommittee met this week to hold workshops regarding hurricane related fiscal issues for public schools and K-12 mental health and substance abuse. Superintendent Runcie and Aston Henry participated in these panels.		
HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS		
Below is a summary of the House Committee and Subcommittee hearings this past week.		
Education Committee		
The committee did not meet this week.		
PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee		
The committee met this week to discuss Jefferson County School District's budget and finances. The committee also discussed the fiscal components of HB 7069.		
Innovation Subcommittee		
The committee met this week for a panel discussion on school discipline and school climate.		
Quality Subcommittee		
The committee met this week for a panel discussion on school district financial accountability.		