



**OVERVIEW**

This week in Tallahassee the legislature met for the first week of regular legislative session. On Tuesday morning to a joint session of the legislature, Governor Scott give his State of the State address ([linked here](#))([video here](#)). Prior to his State of the State, the Senate President and Speaker of the House both gave their addresses to the respective bodies. Senate President Negron focused on Higher Education and noted the importance of school choice ([video here](#)).

Speaker Corcoran began his speech with a [video](#) sharing “accomplishments of the House”. Speaker Corcoran ([video here](#)) declared that the House will not compromise on maintaining the local required effort (LRE), which was included in the Governor’s budget to allow for a “historic investment in our students.” Governor Scott’s budget included a \$200 increase in per-student funding, funded through maintaining the LRE. Last legislative session, both the Governor and the Senate’s proposed budgets included an approximate increase of \$200 per-student. The House budget only included an \$18 increase to the FEFP.

This week the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee voted favorably on [HB 697 - Impact Fees](#), by Rep. Miller. This bill would remove the ability to pay the debt service with impact fees.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

- Scott mixes old and new in final State of the State address [Politico](#)
- Speaker Richard Corcoran draws bright line on Florida school taxing issue [Tampa Bay Times](#)
- Corcoran's Tax Stance Sets Up Election-Year Education Budget Battle [WLRN](#)
- All eyes on confrontational House speaker as Florida's legislative session kicks off [Herald Tribune](#)
- Sexual harassment, opioid crisis and higher Ed dominate Negron's session opener [Politico](#)
- School choice, sharing economy, jobs among issues as Florida's legislative session opens [FL Watchdog](#)
- Florida lawmakers advance bills on textbooks, funding, restraint & seclusion [Tampa Bay Times](#)
- Trump's comments threaten already-delicate DACA talks [CNN](#)

**EVENT CALENDAR**

*Please contact us for additional details on any event/meeting below.*

Event	Date	Location
Rally to Tally	February 6-8 <sup>th</sup>	Tallahassee, FL
Broward Days	February 7-8 <sup>th</sup>	Tallahassee, FL
FSBA Day in the Legislature	February 7-9 <sup>th</sup>	Tallahassee, FL
Sine Die (Last Day of Regular Session)	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tallahassee, FL

**TALLAHASSEE: THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

**SENATE FLOOR**

SB 88 was discussed on the Senate floor on Thursday. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and heads to the House.  
[SB 88](#) -- High School Graduation Requirements, by Sen. Hukill  
 Revising the requirements for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include financial literacy; revising the required credits for a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management and seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

<b>HOUSE FLOOR</b>
No education legislation votes taken.
<b>SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS</b>
Below is a summary of the Senate Committee and Subcommittee hearings this past week.
<b><u>Education</u></b>
The committee did not meet this week.
<b><u>Pre-K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee</u></b>
The subcommittee met to discuss <a href="#">SB 564</a> by Young - John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. This bill passed unanimously and heads to the Appropriations committee.
<b>HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS</b>
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<b><u>Education Committee</u></b>
The committee did not meet this week.
<b><u>PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee</u></b>
The subcommittee met to discuss the following bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2559</a> -- The Family Cafe, by Rep. Plakon</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2601</a> -- Seminole County Public School Aviation &amp; Aeronautics, by Rep. Cortes</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2659</a> -- Mourning Family Foundation, Inc., by Rep. Perez</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2707</a> -- Communities In Schools, by Rep. Fischer</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2723</a> -- Edward W. Bok Academy Hurricane Relief Initiative, by Rep. La Rosa</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2729</a> -- Florida Children's Initiative, by Rep. Antone</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2765</a> -- YMCA of Central Florida - After School Programs, by Rep. Brodeur</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2791</a> -- Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools, by Rep. Fine</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2851</a> -- Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP)-Jacksonville, by Rep. Fischer</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 2935</a> -- Read To Lead, by Rep. Hardemon</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 3157</a> -- STEM Program for At-Promise Girls, by Rep. Beshears</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 3219</a> -- The First Tee CHAMP Comprehensive Health &amp; Mentoring, by Rep. Perez</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 3549</a> -- Youth Crime Prevention Program, by Rep. Daniels</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 3703</a> -- Gulf District Schools Trade Craft Facility Training, by Rep. Beshears</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 3819</a> -- Leader in Me Foundation, by Rep. Bileca</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 3831</a> -- Best Buddies Mentoring and Student Assistance Initiatives, by Rep. Bileca</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 3931</a> -- AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination Performance, by Rep. Rodrigues</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 4055</a> -- Pasco Regional STEM School/Tampa Bay Region Aeronautics, by Rep. Burgess</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 4145</a> -- Leesburg High School - Destination Lake: Building a Strong Community, by Rep. Sullivan</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 4317</a> -- Florida Youth Leadership, Mentoring and Character Education Pilot, by Rep. Alexander</li> </ul> All bills passed this committee unanimously.
<b><u>Innovation Subcommittee</u></b>
The subcommittee met to discuss <a href="#">HB 731</a> -- Home Education, by Rep. Sullivan. This bill passed unanimously and heads to the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.
<b><u>Quality Subcommittee</u></b>
The subcommittee met to discuss the following bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">HB 63</a> -- Students with Disabilities in Public Schools, by Rep. Edwards Provides requirements for use of seclusion, restraint, &amp; exclusionary &amp; nonexclusionary time; revises school district policies &amp; procedures; requires continuing education &amp; inservice training relating to students with certain disabilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB 495</a> -- School District Price Level Index, by Rep. Diaz</li> </ul>

Requires DOE to issue competitive solicitation for review of current price level index methodology by specified entity; provides reporting requirements; provides that competitive solicitation & review occur every 10 years. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

- [HB 577](#) -- High School Graduation Requirements, by Rep. Silvers  
Authorizes student to use credit earned upon completion of apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program to satisfy specified high school graduation requirements; requires SBE to approve & identify registered apprenticeship & preapprenticeship programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2018
- [HB 827](#) -- Instructional Materials, by Rep. Donalds  
Revises provisions relating to review & adoption of instructional materials. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

HB 63, 495, and 577 passed unanimously. HB 827 passed the committee with 12 yays and 1 nay.