



## OVERVIEW

This week in Tallahassee, the Senate and House passed separate versions of an \$87 billion state budget, with the two chambers taking different courses on a plan to link education policy to the budget process.

The chambers will now be able to commence in negotiating their budget differences, and must agree on a budget by March 9th or will need to enter into a special session.

Although the Senate and House are close in terms of the numbers (only \$100 million apart overall), they do have major differences on policy within the budget. The major difference on policy is that the House plan to link HB 7055 (which includes the Hope scholarship voucher) to the \$21 billion public-school portion of budget.

The Senate Appropriation Chair and President have stated that they will not accepted the House plan to link HB 7055 to the budget. The Speaker has since said that the House may separate HB 7055 from the education budget. Additionally, the House passed HB 7055 on Thursday by vote of 66-44.

### **Constitution Revision Commission (CRC)**

Superintendent Runcie spoke at the Fort Lauderdale public hearing for the Constitution Revision Commission. [Video Here \(2:26\)](#)

### **Washington, DC**

In Washington, the Government shutdown lasted for eight hours Thursday night. The President signed a \$40 billion budget deal which includes the “Murphy Initiative”. This will allow school districts and colleges to receive:

- \$8,500 for every displaced student it enrolls
- \$9,000 for every displaced student who is an English-language learner it enrolls
- \$10,000 for every displaced student with disabilities it enrolls

Florida public schools have already enrolled over 12,000 displaced students since the hurricanes. The deal does not include a solution for DACA recipients, however, Senate Majority Leader promised Senate Democrats that he would hold a floor debate on immigration this month.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Florida legislators pass rival \$87 billion budgets [Gainesville Sun](#)

Florida House and Senate pass similar-sized budgets, but fights are ahead [Tampa Bay Times](#)

Attack on House Speaker Richard Corcoran, HB 7055 needs more context [PolitiFact](#)

Teachers union launches media war on HB 7055 — and Corcoran [Politico](#)

Florida House and Senate posture for conflict over omnibus education bill [Tampa Bay Times](#)

Murphy Initiative to Become Law as Part of Bipartisan Budget Deal [Orlando Politics](#)

Government shutdown ends with Trump signature on spending bill [USA Today](#)

## EVENT CALENDAR

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

Event	Date	Location
Sine Die (Last Day of Regular Session)	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tallahassee, FL

**TALLAHASSEE: THE WEEK IN REVIEW****FLOOR ACTION**

Senate:

- [SB 2500](#): General Appropriations Act, laid on table Senate passed HB 5001 33-1 with amendments.
- [SB 2502](#): Implementing the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act, laid on table Senate passed HB 5001 33-1 with amendments.

House:

- [HB 5001](#): General Appropriations Act, passed 85-27
- [HB 5003](#): Implementing the 2018-2019 General Appropriations, passed 85-27
- [HB 7055](#): Education, passed 66-44 with amendments
- [CS/HB 63](#): Students with Disabilities in Public Schools, passed 20-0
- [HB 577](#): High School Graduation Requirements, passed 17-0

**SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

Below is a summary of the Senate Committee and Subcommittee hearings this past week.

**Education**

The committee considered the following legislation:

- [SB 260](#) by Book- Students with Disabilities in Public Schools, passed unanimously

The committee also approved Benjamin Gibson of Tallahassee to continue serving on the State Board of Education.

**Pre-K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee**

The committee considered the following legislation:

- [CS/SB 732](#) by Education / Baxley - K-12 Education, passed unanimously
- [SB 856](#) by Montford - High School Graduation Requirements, passed unanimously
- [SB 996](#) by Mayfield - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in Public Schools, passed unanimously
- [CS/SB 1056](#) by Education / Passidomo - Computer Science Instruction, passed unanimously
- [CS/SB 1172](#) by Education / Galvano - Hope Scholarship Program, passed 6-2
- [SB 1286](#) by Simmons - Gardiner Scholarship, passed unanimously
- [SB 1306](#) by Perry - Reading Instruction, passed unanimously
- [CS/SB 1756](#) by Education / Simmons - School Accountability, passed unanimously

**HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

Below is a summary of the House Committee and Subcommittee hearings this past week.

**Education Committee**

The committee considered the following legislation:

- [CS/HB 1](#) -- The Hope Scholarship Program, by Rep. Donalds, passed 14-4
- [CS/HB 515](#) -- Offenses Against Student Safety, by Rep. White, passed unanimously
- [CS/HB 731](#) -- Home Education, by Rep. Sullivan, passed unanimously
- [HB 839](#) -- The Display of the State Motto, by Rep. Daniels, passed 17-1
- [HB 887](#) -- Reading Instruction, by Rep. Harrell, passed unanimously
- [HB 1201](#) -- Education for Prisoners, by Rep. Ahern, passed unanimously
- [CS/CS/HB 1279](#) -- School District Accountability, by Rep. Sullivan, passed unanimously
- [PCS for HB 1391](#) -- Sexual Offenses Against Students, by Rep. Rodrigues, passed unanimously

**PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee**

The committee considered the following legislation:

- [HB 1035](#) -- Personalized Education, by Rep. Sullivan, passed unanimously
- [CS/HB 1091](#) -- Early Learning, by Rep. Grall, passed unanimously