



**OVERVIEW**

This week in Tallahassee, in light of the horrific tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Senate President Negrón promoted the \$100 million for school mental-health screening, counseling, and training that the Senate included in the K-12 education budget.

In Washington, the President released his budget proposal on Monday. The proposal included similar funding cuts to the proposal from last year, notably including an elimination of Title IIA, Title IV, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers funding. The 2019 proposed budget includes a \$150 million increase in funding for charter schools, and a new \$1 billion Opportunity Grants program, which would fund both scholarships for private schools and open enrollment grants for public school choice.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

- Mental Health Money Sought as Florida Reels From School Shooting [CBS](#)
- Florida schools have been begging for security funding for years [WFTV](#)
- Senate budget chief halts gun-rights bills in wake of mass shooting [Politico](#)
- Florida lawmakers rally around mental health proposals but dodge gun control [Miami Herald](#)
- Senate education budget includes \$100 million for mental-health screenings in schools [TC Palm](#)
- Mental health, school safety conversation needed after school massacre [Sun Sentinel](#)
- Florida governor on tighter gun regulations: 'Everything's on the table' [Politico](#)
- Under House proposal, going to the store could mean funding school vouchers [Tampa Bay Times](#)
- DeSantis on gun control: 'We'll have time to debate this stuff' [Tampa Bay Times](#)
- School safety money would be slashed in Trump budget [Politico](#)
- Trump and DeVos Continue to Undermine Public Education with Their Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget [Center for American Progress](#)

**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**

- House:
- HB 577: High School Graduation Requirements, passed 112-0

**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 188: Public School Transportation, passed 8-1

**Pre-K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee**

- The committee considered the following legislation:
- SB 1434: K-12 Education Enhancements, passed 7-0

**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:

- HB 1031: Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board, passed 14-2
- HB 0827: Instructional Materials, passed 19-0

**PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee**

The committee considered the following legislation:

- HB 1213: Computer Science Instruction, passed 12-0