



OVERVIEW

This week in Tallahassee, the Senate Education Committee took up its own version of House Bill 7055. The Senate's version has many of the same priorities as the House, the differences have been outlined below.

On Friday, Governor Scott and legislative leaders released their school safety plans. They both include:

- Increase minimum age for purchasing fire arms to 21 years
- Establish a 3 day waiting period for purchase of firearms
- Ban bump stocks

Additionally, the Governor has included:

- \$450 million for a variety of student safety programs
- \$50 million for mental health initiatives

We expect to have more details on the Legislature's plan this week. The Governor's plan can be viewed [here](#).

In Washington, the President held a listening session regarding gun control and school safety. His takeaway was that we should arm our teachers.

Participants included:

- Darrell Scott, Founder of Rachel's Challenge
- Sandra Scott, Wife of Darrell Scott
- Nicole Hockley, Sandy Hook Promise
- Mark Barden, Sandy Hook Promise
- Pastor Pasqual Urrabazo, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Christine Hunschofsky, Mayor of Parkland

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

- Frederick Abt, Father
- Michele Abt, Mother
- Carson Abt, Parkland Student
- Melissa Blank, Mother
- Matthew Blank, Father
- Jonathan Blank, Parkland Student
- Julia Cordover, Parkland Student Body President
- Alan Cordover, Father
- Melanie Cordover, Mother
- Cary Gruber, Father
- Justin Gruber, Parkland Student
- Andrew Klein, Father
- Ariana Klein, Parkland Student
- Traci Klein, Mother
- Samuel Zeif, Parkland Student

Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter School

- Gregory Baldwin, Parent
- Zanette Childs, Student
- Ishmael Childs, Student
- Curtis Kelly, Parent
- Zion Kelly, Parent

Friendship Public Charter School

- Alaya Barnett, Student
- Eric Blood, Teacher
- Garry Cameron, Teacher
- Jailyn Forde, Student
- Liua Harbour, Teacher
- Jerell King, Student
- Curtis Lawrence, Teacher
- Vielka Scott-Marcus, Teacher
- Gregory Spears, Teacher
- Aaron Spruill, Student
- Brandon Thompson, Teacher

Parkmont

- Nijole Gedutis, Parent
- Precious Jenkins, Student
- Erin Lidz, Teacher
- Shannon Morris, Teacher

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Armed teachers, rumor control, 'he never went in,' and more [Tampa Bay Times](#)

Florida Senate doubles down on HB 7055 with its own version [Tampa Bay Times](#)

Florida Lawmakers Advance Bill Requiring Schools To Display 'In God We Trust' [NPR](#)

Scott, Florida GOP move to raise gun-buying age to 21 [Politico](#)

Gov. Scott says he's 'changed completely' on gun issues [Burlington Free Press](#)

Controversial Teachers Union Language Stripped From Education Bill [WFSU](#)

Parents and Students Plead With Trump: 'How Many Children Have to Get Shot?' [NY Times](#)

EVENT CALENDAR		
<i>Please contact us for additional details on any event/meeting below.</i>		
Event	Date	Location
Sine Die (Last Day of Regular Session)	March 9 th	Tallahassee, FL
TALLAHASSEE: THE WEEK IN REVIEW		
FLOOR ACTION		
House: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 839: The Display of the State Motto by Rep. Daniels, passed 97-10 • HB 1279: School District Accountability by Rep. Sullivan, passed 109-5 		
SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS		
Below is a summary of the Senate Committee and Subcommittee hearings this past week.		
Education		
The committee considered the following legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 7055: Education by Education Committee, passed 9-0 with amendment Senator Farmer included an unfriendly amendment by a vote of 5-4 that removed the recertification requirement for teachers unions. The bill includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Hope Scholarship (the Senate version grants vouchers for students with substantiated claims of being bullied, which is not included in the House version. ○ Funding for expanded mental health services ○ Financial Literacy Course Requirement ○ Legislator visitation of public schools 		
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 323: Education by Rep. Fitzenhagen, passed 16-2 		