

2018 Florida Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Summary of Bills that PASSED and FAILED

EDUCATION

EARLY EDUCATION

PASSED	HB 1091 EARLY LEARNING (Grall): Requires the Office of Early Learning to adopt program quality and accountability measures for School Readiness providers; and to identify an observation-based child outcome measure.
(PASSED*)	HB 1175 EARLY LEARNING COALITIONS (Sullivan): Authorizes Early learning Coalitions to refuse to contract with or revoke eligibility of certain school readiness providers. (*Bill withdrawn, text included in HB 7055)
FAILED	SB 1192 EDUCATION (Stargel): Requires certain assessment results to be provided to parents within a specified timeframe; authorizes certain students to reenroll in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.
(PASSED*)	HB 1365 EARLY LEARNING (Grall): Requires Office of Early Learning to adopt observation-based child assessment system, subject to appropriation. (*Bill withdrawn, text included in HB 1091)

K-12 EDUCATION

PASSED	HB 495 EDUCATION (Diaz): Revises provisions relating to high-performing charter schools, authorizes certain principals to manage additional schools & certain high schools to receive Title I funds; requires DOE to issue competitive solicitation for review of current Florida Price Level Index methodology; revises requirements for charter school capital outlay funding.
PASSED	HB 577 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Duran): Authorizes student to use credit earned upon completion of apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship program to satisfy specified high school graduation requirements.
(PASSED*)	SB 1152 SCHOOL-LEVEL FUNDING (Garcia) Revises the types of funds school districts may withhold before allocating certain Title I funds to eligible schools. (*Bill withdrawn, text partly included in HB 7055)
PASSED	HB 7055 EDUCATION (Education Committee): Revises provisions relating to Commissioner of Education, DOE, school districts & superintendents, standardized assessments, charter schools, educational scholarship programs, principal autonomy pilot program initiative, dual enrollment, private schools, Early Learning Coalitions, certification of labor organizations, Title 1 funds allocation, etc.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

FAILED	SB 540 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Hukill): Cites this act as the "Community College Competitiveness Act of 2018"; creates the State Board of Community Colleges; revises performance-based metrics; requires "2+2" targeted pathway articulation agreements by a specified time.
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INCOME/FINANCIAL STABILITY

FAILED	HB 191 STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND (Shaw): Prohibits transfer of Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Funds to other purposes.
PASSED	SB 920 DEFERRED PRESENTMENT TRANSACTIONS (Bradley): Revises some restrictions on deferred presentment transactions ("payday loans"); increases the current limit on the loans from \$500 to \$1,000 and allows lenders to give 60-to-90 day loans.
FAILED	HB 987 AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Cortes): Creates the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program and the Rental Recovery Program for certain affordable housing recovery purposes.
FAILED	HB 4227 UNITED WAY OF FLORIDA - FINANCIAL LITERACY AND PROSPERITY PROGRAM (Stevenson): Provides an appropriation for the United Way of Florida - Financial Literacy and Prosperity Program to expand capacity of statewide free tax prep services. APPROPRIATION: \$1,200,000.00

HEALTH	
PASSED	HB 7 DIRECT PRIMARY CARE AGREEMENTS (Burgess): Authorizes a direct care contract between a primary care physician and a patient, eliminating third-party payors. Specifies that a direct primary care agreement does not constitute insurance.
PASSED	HB 21 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Boyd): Provides for adoption of standards of practice for treatment of acute pain; limits prescribing and dispensing of opioids for acute pain.
FAILED	HB 293 FLORIDA KIDCARE PROGRAM (Duran): Establishes the Kidcare Operational Efficiency & Health Care Improvement Workgroup to maximize program return on investment and operational efficiencies.
FAILED	HB 683 DENTISTRY (Perez): Requires DOH to conduct study on affordability, access & delivery of dental care in Florida and submit report on findings of study to Governor & Legislature.
FAILED	SB 764 DENTAL STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (Bean): Establishes the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program to support dentists who practice in public health programs in underserved areas.
FAILED	HB 911 EXPANSION OF MEDICAID COVERAGE (Berman): Proposes amendment to State Constitution to expand Medicaid coverage to include persons under age 65 with income equal to or below 138 percent of federal poverty level.
PASSED	HB 937 PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH (Nunez): Requires DOH to offer perinatal mental health care information through Family Health Line toll-free hotline accessible to general public; revises components included in postpartum evaluation & follow-up care provided by birth centers to include mental health screening & information on postpartum depression.

MISCELLANEOUS

IMMIGRANTS

FAILED	HB 9 FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT (Metz): Designates "Rule of Law Adherence Act"; prohibits sanctuary policies; requires state & local government agencies to comply with & support enforcement of federal immigration law & repeal existing sanctuary policies.
FAILED	HB 475 PRESERVING THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM (Jacquet): Urges Congress to preserve the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

LABOR and EMPLOYMENT

(PASSED*)	HB 25 LABOR ORGANIZATIONS (Plakon): Revises certification requirements for employee organizations to include paid membership from at least 50% of eligible employees. (*Bill withdrawn, text included in HB 7055)
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CHILD WELFARE

FAILED	HB 817 RENEWAL OF TITLE IV-E WAIVER FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES (Harrell): Urges Congress to renew Title IV-E waivers for child welfare services.
FAILED	HB 1351 EARLY CHILDHOOD COURT PROGRAMS (Payne): Authorizes the courts to create early childhood court programs; requires the Office of the State Courts Administrator to contract with certain university based centers and, in partnership with the centers, to provide training to program court teams, etc.

OTHER

PASSED	SB 472 NATIONAL STATUARY HALL (Thurston): Requests the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statue of Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Mary McLeod Bethune.
FAILED	SB 272 LOCAL TAX REFERENDA (Brandes): Provides that a referendum to adopt or amend a local discretionary sales surtax must be held at a general election.
PASSED	HB 651 STATE EMPLOYMENT (Yarborough): Repeals provisions relating to Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign; prohibits an organization, an entity, or a person from intentionally soliciting state employees for fundraising or business purposes within specified areas & times.
FAILED	HB 767 PAY-FOR-SUCCESS CONTRACTS (Ausley): Authorizes a state agency to negotiate and enter into a pay-

	for-success contract with a private entity.
PASSED	HB 1013 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (Nunez): Provides legislative intent regarding State of Florida & its political subdivisions observing daylight saving time year-round under certain conditions.
PASSED	HB 7001 SUPERMAJORITY VOTE FOR STATE TAXES OR FEES (Ways & Means Committee): Proposes amendment to State Constitution to prohibit a state tax or fee from being imposed or raised except through legislation approved by two-thirds of each house of legislature; requires a state tax or fee imposed or raised to be contained in separate bill that contains no other subject.
PASSED	HB 7026 PUBLIC SAFETY (Rules Committee): Cites this act as the “Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act”; establishes some restrictions on purchase and possession of certain firearms; funds mental health and school safety programs; adds protocols and requirements for a voluntary statewide program to train and arm school personnel; authorizes Risk Protection Orders.