

HB 0023 Panic Alarms in Public Schools – Gottlieb – Requires each public school campus building of elementary, middle, or high schools to be equipped with at a minimum, 1 panic alarm. It delineates panic alarm requirements. Effective July 1 2020.
Companion SB 70 – Senator Book.

HB 0037 School Bus Safety – Zika – Civil penalties revised for certain school bus stopping violations. Effective July 1 2020.
Companion SB 290.

SB 0088 Child Care Facilities – Stewart – “Child Safety Alarm Act.” Requires by a specified date child care facilities and large child care homes vehicles for transporting children be equipped with reliable alarm systems prompting drivers to inspect the vehicles for children before they exit the vehicles. The Department of Children and Families would adopt by rule minimum safety standards for such systems and maintain a list of approved alarm manufacturers and alarm systems.

SB 0106 Instructional Personnel Salaries – Rader – Instructional Personnel Salaries. Named the “Florida Teacher Fair Pay Act.” Legislative intent for the FEP to be funded at a level ensuring a certain minimum annual starting salary for instructional personnel. A statewide minimum salary would be specified for all instructional personnel for the 2020 fiscal year. DOE would be required to calculate each year an adjusted minimum annual starting salary. Effective July 1 2020.

SB 0120 Naloxone in Schools (pronounced ‘Nay Low Zone’) – Pizzo - Authorizes a public school to purchase a supply or enter into an arrangement to receive a supply of the opioid antagonist naloxone for a certain purpose. The school district would be required to adopt a protocol for its administration. It provides that a school district, its employees, its agents, and the physician providing the naloxone pursuant to the protocol are not liable for any injury arising from its administration. (This bill is moving.)
Effective July 1 2020.

SB 0130 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund – Hutson – The Governor would be authorized to approve workforce training grants under this fund to certain charter schools. Certain charter schools would be authorized to apply for specified grant funds.
Effective July 1 2020.

SB 0146 Homestead Property Tax Assessments/Increased Portability Period (joint resolution) – Brandes – Amendment proposed to the State Constitution to increase the time period where the accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred to a new homestead from a prior homestead, and provide an effective date, etc. Companion bill is HB 371. It extends from two to three years the “portability” period during

which a person may transfer up to \$500 thousand of accumulated Save Our Homes benefit from a prior homestead property to a new homestead property. It will be submitted to the Florida electors for approval or rejection at the next general election in November 2020 if adopted by the legislature. (This bill is moving.)

SB 0178 Public Financing of Construction projects – Rodriguez (J) – State-financed constructors prohibited from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule standards for these studies. The DEP would enforce certain requirements and adopt rules, etc. (“With 1,350 miles of coastline and relatively low elevations, Florida is particularly vulnerable to coastal flooding. There are three primary ways that climate change influences coastal flooding: sea level rise, storm surge intensity, and rainfall intensity and frequency.”)

Effective July 1 2020.

SB 0190 Medicaid School-based Services – Montford – Applicable provisions for school-based reimbursed services by the Agency for Health Care Administration revised for certain school districts. Currently the Medicaid state plan allows reimbursement for ESE and non-ESE students. State law currently allows only ESE students with IEP’s. This bill would change the statute to allow non-ESE students.

Effective July 1 2020.

HB 0195 Public Records – Rodrigues (R) – An agency receiving a request to inspect or copy a record is prohibited from responding to such request by civil action against the entity or individual. (This precludes a school district from filing a civil action against someone being a nuisance.)

Effective July 1 2020

SB 0234 Student Health Services – Book – School districts would be required to make feminine hygiene products available in female restroom facilities of public school buildings free of charge.

Effective July 1 2020

SB 0300 Food Pantries in Public Schools – Farmer, Jr. – School districts would be authorized to adopt a policy to allow schools to create food pantry programs in collaboration with nonprofit organizations. It authorizes school districts to provide food from the pantry at no cost to student under specified circumstances. It authorizes school employees to prepare and distribute donated food, etc.

Effective July 1 2020

SB 0304 School Safety Funding – Cruz – Specifies distribution requirements for certain safe schools allocation funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Each District school superintendent required to remit specified unused funds from the 2019-2020 fiscal year to the DOE. DOE

authorized upon request to redistribute such funds to certain school districts for specified purposes.
Effective July 1 2020.

HB 0305 Preemption of Conditions of Employment – Rommel – This bill would preempt to the state the right to regulate conditions of employment by an employer. Voids certain ordinances, regulations, or policies preempted by the act. Effective upon date becoming law.

HB 0341 Study of the Bible and Religion – Daniels – Each school district would be required to offer specified courses relating to religion, Hebrew scriptures, and Bible to certain students as elective courses of study. Such courses would be required for inclusion in the Course Code Directory.
Effective July 1 2020

SB 0360 Florida Education Finance Program – Diaz – School districts participating in the FEF program would be required to expend 80 percent of funds from the program for classroom spending purposes.
Effective July 1 2020

SB 0432 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training in Public Schools – Rader – School districts would be required to provide training to high school students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The bill provides requirements for such training. Students would be required to study and practice the psychomotor skills associated with performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation at least one time before graduating from high school.
Effective July 1 2020

SB 0456 Minimum Wage – Rodriguez (J) – Revises the formula for the adjusted minimum wage.
Effective July 1 2020 (Petition ready to be signed)

HB 0477 Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise Local Taxes for Fees – Rommel (Not the Desert Fox!) – Required to impose, authorize or raise local taxes or fees. Proposes AMENDMENT to constitution to prohibit municipality, county, SCHOOL BOARD, or special district from imposing, authorizing, or raising local tax or fee except by vote approved by two-thirds of membership of relevant jurisdiction, and requires any such proposed local tax or fee imposition or increase to be contained in a separate resolution or ordinance. Effective date not specified.

SB 0486 Florida Best and Brightest Programs – Bradley – This bill repeals provisions relating to the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Program and the Florida Best and Brightest Principal Program.
Effective July 1 2020

HB 0521 School Food and Nutrition Services – Webb – Provides tax credits for certain farmers. Rate of reimbursement and allocation of funds relating to free and reduced-price meals revised. Provides funds for certain breakfast meals. School districts authorized to use share tables. It directs DACS collaborating with DOH to distribute share table information. Requires school districts to implement specified practices. DACS is directed create specified campaign allocate additional reimbursements for school meals, conduct food access study, and develop the Florida Gleaning Support Grant Program.
Effective July 1 2020

SB 0534 Education – Diaz – The DOE required to maintain a disqualification list that includes the identities of certain persons. District school boards required to investigate certain complaints and report certain results of such investigations to the department. An individual on the disqualification list is prohibited from employment by a charter school or serving as a member of a charter school governing board. Certain private schools required to adopt policies establishing standards of ethical conduct for certain employees. (Has legs.)
Effective July 1 2020.

SB 0566 Prohibited Discrimination – Bracy – This act cited as “Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act” or “CROWN Act.” It would be unlawful for sponsors under the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Act to discriminate against any person or family because of a protected hairstyle. The term “protected hairstyle” is defined. “Protected hairstyle” is added as impermissible grounds for discrimination with respect to specified unlawful employment practices. Discrimination based on protected hairstyle is prohibited in the FLORIDA K-20 PUBLIC education system.
Effective July 1 2020

SB 0588 Enforcement of School Attendance – Rouson - Authorizes school boards and charter school governing boards to allow a specified number of mental health days as excused absences for students.
Effective July 1 2020

SB 060 Health Education – Pizzo – Health education instruction required for certain students to include age-appropriate water safety instruction. Providing requirements for such instruction.

SB 0650 Student Elopement – Book – Public schools required to create a School Staff Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE) Team and a school elopement plan. It provides for membership and responsibilities of the team. The team must create a student-specific elopement quick reference guide for certain students. Annually schools within districts will submit their plans to the district school board. (Example – Autistic child who goes off campus.)
Effective July 1 2020

SB 0720 Medical Use of Marijuana in Schools – Montford – A qualified patient is authorized to designate more than one caregiver to assist with the qualified patient's medical use of marijuana under certain circumstances. A county designated caregiver is authorized to register as a caregiver for more than one qualified patient under certain circumstances. Providing for a procedure for a parent of a student who is a qualified patient to request marijuana be administered to the student during the school day. It requires a caregiver or a county-designated caregiver administer marijuana to the student in the area designated by the school principal.

Effective July 1 2020

SB 0804 Employee Organization Dues and Uniform Assessments – Brandes – This bill revises the requirements for an employee to authorize the deduction and collection of dues and uniform assessments by an employer. It revises when such deductions commence. It provides requirements for forms that authorize such deductions.

Effective July 1 2020