

2019 Florida Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Summary of Bills that PASSED and FAILED

EDUCATION/EARLY EDUCATION

PASSED	HB 1027 Office of Early Learning (Aloupis; R-Miami-Dade) - Requires the Office of Early Learning to develop early learning professional development training and course standards for school readiness program providers and identify both formal and informal early learning career pathways with stackable credentials and certifications, which allow early childhood teachers to access specialized professional development.
FAILED	SB 1594 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (Harrell; R- Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach) - Further implements the ground-breaking early learning bill (HB 1091) the Legislature passed last year by, among others, requiring the Office of Early Learning and the Department of Education to create a coordinated assessment system to track the progress of students in the VPK program through grade 2. It also addresses VPK and kindergarten student and provider assessments.
PASSED	CS/CS/SB 7030 Implementation of Legislative Recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission (Appropriations Committee) - Adopts the school safety and security recommendations of the Commission, and strengthens accountability and compliance oversight authority by, among many others, improving school security measures (i.e. campus hardening, arming teachers, enhancing school/law enforcement coordination, etc.) and enhancing student safety (i.e. improved school safety incident reporting; promoting the FortifyFL mobile suspicious activity reporting tool; expediting services for students with mental or behavioral disorders, etc.)

INCOME/FINANCIAL STABILITY

FAILED	SB 70 Affordable Housing Trust Funds (Mayfield) – Would have prohibited the Legislature from sweeping funds in the annual state budget to GR from the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund.
PASSED	HB 7071 Workforce Education (Mariano: R-Pasco) - Establishes new avenues through which students can pursue myriad career pathways by, among many others, addressing high-value postsecondary certificate, degree, and training goals, creating career certificate pathways for high school students, increasing apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship opportunities, and requiring one-half-credit in financial literacy as a separate high school course.

HEALTH

FAILED	SB 374 Children and Youth Cabinet (Harrell; R- Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach) - Adds a representative of the Florida Dental Association to the Children and Youth Cabinet, to be appointed by the Governor.
FAILED	HB 587 Medicaid School-Based Services (Andrade; R-Escambia, Santa Rosa) - Aligns current law with federal Medicaid requirements by allowing all Medicaid-eligible students to receive school-based Medicaid services, not just those who have an individualized education plan or an individualized family service plan.
FAILED	HB 649 Dental Therapy (Plasencia; R-Brevard, Orange) - Authorizes the Department of Health to issue a dental therapist license to an applicant who possesses a degree or certificate in dental therapy from an accredited program. Authorizes a licensed dental therapist to perform remediable tasks under the general supervision of a dentist, and provides a scope of practice for dental therapists.
FAILED	CS/HB 1123 Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (Ponder; R-Okaloosa) - Codifies the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Florida law and sets specific

parameters on program services and participating organizations. PACE features a comprehensive service delivery system funded by a combination of federal Medicare and state Medicaid financing that was created as a way to provide clients, family, caregivers and professional health care providers the flexibility to meet a person's health care needs while continuing to live safely in the community.

VETERANS

PASSED	CS/CS/HB 501 Alternative Treatment Options for Veterans (Ponder; R-Okaloosa) - Permits the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to contract with a state university or Florida College System institution to provide alternative treatment options for veterans who have been certified by the VA, or any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, as having a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.
FAILED	SB 7072 Military Veterans and Service Members Court Programs (Hattersley; D-Hillsborough) - Requires the chief judge of each judicial circuit to establish a Military Veterans and Service Member Court Program (i.e., veterans court). Current law permits, but does not require, a chief judge to establish the program in his or her judicial circuit.
FAILED	CS/SB 442 Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel (Lee; R- Hillsborough, Pasco, Polk) - Requires creation of a uniform system to enable service members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces to earn academic college credit at public postsecondary educational institutions for college-level training, education, and experience acquired in the military. The bill delineates the minimum required procedures for evaluating military credentials and experience and awarding academic college credit based on such credentials and experience.

KEY 2019 APPROPRIATIONS

Program	2018-2019	2019-2010	Over/(Under)
Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Program (T.E.A.C.H.)	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	-
1091 Implementation	0	\$6,400	\$6,400
Help Me Grow Florida Network	\$2,233,957	\$1,808,957	(\$425,000)
School Readiness Teacher Training	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	-
School Readiness Services	\$630,877,228	\$760,877,228	\$145,950,000
1091 Pay Differentials	0	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
Early Learning Standards and Accountability	\$1,629,791	\$1,629,791	-
Voluntary Prekindergarten Program	\$398,444,762	\$402,280,371	\$3,835,609
Community Care for the Elderly Program	\$71,187,294	\$73,345,627	\$2,158,333*
United Way of Florida – Financial Literacy & Prosperity Program	0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Affordable Housing + Hurricane Recovery Housing	\$123,630,000	85,000,000**	(\$38,630,000)

* Recurring GR

** Affordable Housing Trust Fund Appropriation Break-Down

- \$325,000,000 - Total Available
 - \$85,000,000 Appropriated for Traditional Affordable Housing Programs
 - \$115,000,000 Appropriated for Hurricane Housing Recovery
 - \$125,000,000 Swept to General Revenue