



Legislative Update

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Bills OEF Were Watching

- SB 62 / HB 143 – Resilient Buildings
- SB 110 – Rural Communities
 - **HB 1427 – Nursing Education Programs**
- SB 140 – Charter Schools
 - HB 123* – Education
- SB 166 – Administrative Efficiency in Public Schools
- HB 287 – Building and Plumbing Permits for the Use of Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems
- **SB 296 / HB 261 – School Start Times**



Bills OEF Were Watching Continued

- SB 430 / **HB 1607 – Cardiac Emergencies**
- HB 521 – Reporting Rqmts...HVAC/Electrical Systems
- SB 568 / HB 413 – Swimming Safety
- **SB 582 / HB 717 – Unlawful Demo of Historical Bldgs**
- HB 665* – Local Government Impact Fees...
- SB 712 / **HB 683 – Construction Regulations**
- SB 822 / **HB 443 – Education**
- SB 960 / HB 299 – Elevator Accessibility Rqmts
 - **HB 299 was incorporated into HB 683**



Bills OEF Were Watching Continued

- SB 1006 – Video Cameras in Public School Classrooms
 - HB 257 – Exceptional Students and Video Cameras...
- SB 1118 / HB 1209 – Land Use and Development Regs
- SB 1188 – Local Governing Authorities
 - HB 569* – Construction and Facilities
- HB 1213* – K-12 School Route Optimization Pilot Pgm
- **HB 1255 - Education**
- **SB 1470* – School Safety**
- SB 1708* / HB 1267 – Education



SB 296 – Middle and High School Start Times

Chapter Number 2025-53

- In compliance if
 - Schools start at the later start times
 - 8:00 for Middle Schools and 8:30 for High Schools
 - The district submits a report by 1 June 2026
 - Format forthcoming (from DOE)
- Report includes (at a minimum)
 - Start times for elementary, middle, and high schools
 - Strategies considered to implement later start times
 - Description of impacts of implementing later start times
 - Identified unintended consequences of later start times



HB 443 – Education

Chapter Number 2025-106

- Concurrency
 - A Charter School is considered a public facility
- Charter Schools
 - May increase capacity, but no more than facility capacity
- Discretionary Funding for Lab Schools, such as...
 - Real property, construction, reno, repair, & maintenance
 - Purchase, lease of permanent or relocatables facilities
- Deadlines for Charters can't be earlier than sponsors
- Charter's Code of Conduct...meet or exceed sponsors
- Virtual Student can play sports at any public school



SB 582 – Unlawful Demo of Historical Bldgs

Chapter Number 2025-87

- For those buildings or structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Knowingly or willingly demolish without a permit
- Additional fines
 - Up to 20% of the fair market value of the facility



HB 683 – Construction Regulations

Chapter Number 2025-140

- Change orders
 - 35 days to approve or disapprove change order
 - Failure to meet the above results in approval
- Scoring Contractors: You can not...
 - Penalize a contractor's score if they have done a lot of work for the state or political subdivision or
 - Reward a contractor's score if they have done little work for the state or political subdivision
- Elevators, must provide at least one support rail with a minimum length of 42 inches



HB 1255 – Education

Chapter Number 2025-110

- Can't enforce a condition against a charter school unless uniformly applied to public schools
- Adds that a private school can build on public land
- Requires charter schools to operate as a public-school regarding zoning and operations
- Removes Florida School for Competitive Academics



HB 1427 – Health Care

- Gutted to only a health care bill

Waiting on Governor's Signature



SB 1470* – School Safety

Chapter Number 2025-58

- Secondary “temporary” door locks
- Common Areas must meet security requirements
- Exemptions from the “locked door” law
- Safety requirements 30 mins before/30 mins after
- Centralized public safety infrastructure
- Guardian Program
- Development of Workgroup



HB 1607 – Cardiac Emergencies

Chapter Number 2025-67

- Must have operational AED on school grounds
 - Takes affect 1 July 2027
 - In addition to the AED requirement in 1006.165
- Must provide training in first aid (PE/Health class)
 - Once in middle school
 - Once in high school
- Plan for Urgent Life-Saving Emergencies (PULSE)
 - School personnel responding to cardiac or similar event



SB 1708* – Education

- Persistently low-performing schools
 - 3 grades lower than “C” in the last 3 of 5 years
 - Bottom 10% in state in last 2 of 3 years
- School of Hope may submit notice of intent to use
- May co-locate with a public school if:
 - Utilization rate <50% or 500+ available student stations
- Funding
 - School of Hope students are included in COFTE membership for calculating funding
 - Rental or leasing not authorized

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