

## 2010 Bills (58)

Num	Title	Sponsor	
SB 0002 (C: 5101 1368 ) (I: 7039 )	<b>Relating to Class Size Requirements for Public Schools</b> Class Size Requirements for Public Schools [WPSC]; Proposes amendments to the State Constitution to revise class size requirements for public schools and to provide an effective date. 02/02/10 SENATE Filed 02/03/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means 02/05/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 02/16/10, 4:00 pm, 301 S 02/16/10 SENATE Favorable by Education Pre-K - 12; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay 02/17/10 SENATE Now in Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means 03/01/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means, 03/04/10, 10:15 am, 412 K 03/04/10 SENATE Favorable by Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; 15 Yeas, 8 Nays 03/04/10 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading 03/19/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 03/23/10 03/23/10 SENATE Read Second Time 03/25/10 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 26 Yeas / 12 Nays) 03/31/10 HOUSE In Messages 04/05/10 HOUSE Referred to Calendar 04/05/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/07/10 04/07/10 HOUSE Substituted for HB 7039; Read Second Time; Amendments Failed (272755, 279007) 04/08/10 HOUSE Read Third Time; Amendment Failed (107469); Passed (Vote: 77 Yeas / 41 Nays) 04/09/10 SENATE Ordered enrolled 04/09/10 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed	Gaetz	04/09/10

**Public Comments**

The Florida PTA urges the legislature to phase in maximum class size standards lower than those mandated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) by the year 1999 and to establish class size standards for Exceptional Student Education classes and urges the legislature to fully fund the capital, personnel and operational cost necessary to decrease or maintain class sizes under these levels.

National PTA supports class size reduction proposals that consider actual class size, meaning the number of students in a teacher's room for whom that teacher is accountable, rather than pupil/teacher ratios, which do not accurately reflect teachers' contacts with children. National PTA recognizes that class size reduction efforts will require a significant financial commitment for recruiting, hiring, and training qualified teachers, and increased school facilities. However, this investment will be offset in the long term by the money saved when the economic and social costs associated with grade retention and dropping out of school are reduced.

SB 0006 (C: 7037 1806 ) (I: 7189 ) (L: 2740 )	<b>Relating to Education Personnel</b> Education Personnel [SPSC]; Authorizes the release of child abuse records to certain employees and agents of the Department of Education. Requires school districts to develop and implement end-of-course assessments. Creates the Performance Fund for Instructional Personnel and School-Based Administrators. Limits bonuses under the Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program to individuals who remain continuously employed in a public school in this state, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010 except as otherwise provided. 03/01/10 SENATE Filed 03/01/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means 03/05/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 03/10/10, 1:00 pm, 301 S 03/10/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education Pre-K - 12; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays 03/11/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/15/10 SENATE Now in Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means 03/15/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means, 03/18/10, 3:15 pm, 412 K 03/18/10 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means 03/18/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means, 03/19/10, 1:00 pm, 412 K 03/18/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means, 03/20/10, 9:00 am, 412 K 03/19/10 SENATE Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means meeting canceled, 03/20/10 03/19/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; 15 Yeas, 8 Nays 03/19/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed 03/22/10 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading 03/22/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 03/23/10 03/23/10 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Failed (187898, 468090, 545510, 910474); Amendments Adopted (763320, 685956, 506912, 107684); Amendment Withdrawn (763550); Ordered Engrossed 03/23/10 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed 03/24/10 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (544536); Amendment Failed (465892); Passed (Vote: 21 Yeas / 17 Nays) 03/24/10 SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed 03/25/10 HOUSE In Messages 04/05/10 HOUSE Referred to Calendar	Thrasher	04/15/10
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04/05/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/07/10  
 04/07/10 HOUSE Substituted for HB 7189; Read Second Time; Amendments Failed (904383, 903395, 820769, 718019, 670365, 923041, 160317, 895821, 194243, 932925, 443249, 613465)  
 04/08/10 HOUSE Read Third Time; Amendments Failed (539043, 415859, 084415, 305497, 699345, 430383); Passed (Vote: 64 Yeas / 55 Nays)  
 04/09/10 SENATE Ordered enrolled  
 04/09/10 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed  
 04/09/10 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor has until 04/16/10 to act on this bill)  
 04/15/10 Vetoes by Governor

HB 0031	Relating to Public Education	Drake	04/29/10
(I: 1580 )	Public Education: Prohibits district school boards, administrative personnel, & instructional personnel from taking affirmative action that infringes or waives rights or freedoms afforded by First Amendment to United States Constitution in absence of certain consent. Effective Date: July 1, 2010		
	07/22/09 HOUSE Filed		
	10/01/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee; Policy Council; Education Policy Council		
	10/01/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee		
	03/15/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Policy Committee, 03/17/10, 9:30 am, 17 H - PCS		
	03/17/10 HOUSE PCS Favorable by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 10 Yeas, 3 Nays		
	03/18/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
	03/18/10 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee		
	03/18/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee, 03/22/10, 3:15 pm, 102 H		
	03/22/10 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee; 10 Yeas, 3 Nays		
	03/22/10 HOUSE Now in Policy Council		
	04/07/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Policy Council, 04/09/10, 8:45 am, 17 H		
	04/09/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Policy Council; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	04/13/10 HOUSE Council Substitute Text (C2) Filed		
	04/14/10 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council		
	04/15/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Education Policy Council, 04/16/10, 9:00 am, 17 H		
	04/16/10 HOUSE Favorable by Education Policy Council; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	04/16/10 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
	04/19/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/21/10		
	04/21/10 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendments Withdrawn (784055, 608677, 248945, 169689)		
	04/22/10 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 107 Yeas / 8 Nays)		
	04/22/10 SENATE In Messages		
	04/26/10 SENATE Received; Referred to Education Pre-K - 12		
	04/28/10 SENATE Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12; Substituted for SB 1580; Read Second Time		
	04/29/10 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 27 Yeas / 9 Nays)		
	04/29/10 HOUSE Ordered enrolled		
	04/29/10 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed		

### Public Comments

National PTA supports instruction about religion, in the context of literature, philosophy, and history as well as in the comparative study of religions. National PTA believes that public schools shall not, however, engage in religious instruction, whether it is instruction in specific religious practices, or imposing religious values in curriculum. National PTA opposes programs, whether they are taught by public school employees or third parties engaged by the schools, that include religious worship, instruction, or indoctrination. The responsibility for a child's religious upbringing rests exclusively in the home and with the religious instructors designated by the family.

National PTA supports the right of children to pray individually or in groups, to read religious texts, and to discuss their religious views with their peers, so long as they are not disruptive. National PTA believes the right to engage in voluntary worship or religious study or conversation, however, does not include the right to have a captive audience or to compel other students to participate. National PTA opposes mandatory or organized prayer or religious worship at official public school functions, whether led by a school official or student.

National PTA opposes voluntary student religious activities that are led by teachers in their official capacity, because these may appear coercive to impressionable children. In keeping with Supreme Court decisions, National PTA supports moments of silence provided that their intent and implementation not favor religious over secular practices, and that policies to protect against coercion or harassment of students based on their decisions to engage in or refrain from prayer or any other permitted activity be implemented.

National PTA supports policies that foster parent involvement including decision-making, however, no one parent should be allowed to determine the curriculum or services that shall be available to children other than his or her own. If a parent determines that particular lessons substantially

contradict his or her values or beliefs, and there is no compelling interest in requiring attendance, National PTA supports allowing his or her child to be excused from those specific lessons, with no negative academic consequences.

National PTA also supports the rights of children and youth to decline to participate in curriculum or activities that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs, with no negative academic consequences. National PTA further supports federal, state, and local policies that prohibit teasing, harassment, or bullying based on decisions to participate or not participate in lessons, programs, or practices where those decisions are motivated by moral or religious beliefs.

National PTA supports equal access to school facilities and believes that all student clubs should be permitted to meet at school, and to have equal access to campus media to announce their meetings. If the school generally makes its facilities available to private groups, it must make them available on the same terms to all organizations. In cases of religious clubs or organizations, schools must avoid all appearances of official endorsement of the entity or its purposes. National PTA opposes policies that undermine local control of facility access policies.

National PTA supports the use of public funds for social and education services that are available to all people, and opposes the use of public funds to support institutions that may deny service to applicants, particularly where that denial of service may be based on discriminatory factors. National PTA further believes that all recipients of public funds should be held to identical standards of accountability.

National PTA believes that the autonomy of religious organizations depends on freedom from government intrusion, and that accountability would require an unconstitutional intrusion in the administration of religious organization.

Finally, National PTA opposes government funding of pervasively sectarian organizations and other organizations and programs that discriminate based on religion in employment or delivery of services (including by making religious instruction, worship, or prostelitization part of their services or programs).

HB 0055	<b>Relating to District School Board Policies and Procedures</b>	Reed	04/27/10
(S: 0206 )	District School Board Policies and Procedures: Provides legislative intent to recognize student academic achievement; encourages each district school board to adopt policies & procedures that provide for annual "Academic Scholarship Signing Day." Effective Date: July 1, 2010 08/06/09 HOUSE Filed 10/01/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Policy Council; Education Policy Council 10/01/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee 03/08/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Policy Committee, 03/10/10, 8:30 am, 17 H 03/10/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/10/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/11/10 HOUSE Now in Policy Council 03/16/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Policy Council; 03/18/10, 2:00 pm, 17 H 03/18/10 HOUSE Favorable by Policy Council; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays 03/18/10 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council 04/05/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Education Policy Council, 04/07/10, 9:00 am, 17 H 04/07/10 HOUSE Favorable by Education Policy Council; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays 04/07/10 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading 04/26/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/27/10 04/27/10 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0206; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0206		
HB 0061	<b>Relating to High School Graduation</b>	Fresen	04/30/10
(C: 0473 7053 0004 1154 )	High School Graduation: Requires that students be advised of availability of certain courses; provides credit requirements for high school graduation with standard diploma beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2011-2012 school year & students entering grade 9 in 2013-2014 school year; deletes provisions relating to general requirements for high school graduation to conform to changes made by act; provides for accommodations for students with disabilities for purposes of graduation; authorizes award of standard high school diploma to certain honorably discharged veterans; requires passing scores on grade 10 FCAT to meet grade-level proficiency. Effective Date: July 1, 2010 08/07/09 HOUSE Filed 10/01/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council 10/01/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee 04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy <b>Public Comments</b> PTA supports legislation and programs intended to increase postsecondary participation through		

assisting students □ secondary school completion and postsecondary enrollment by providing academic (which includes fine arts) services, parent and student counseling services, and college preparatory services, particularly those programs that will assist students with different learning styles, low-income students, and disadvantaged youth.

HB 0105	<b>Relating to Civics Education</b>	McBurney	04/30/10
(S: 1096)	<p>Civics Education: Designates act "Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Act"; provides requirement that reading portion of language arts curriculum include civics education content for all grade levels; provides requirements for civics education course that student must successfully complete for middle grades promotion; requires administration of end-of-course assessment in civics education as field test at middle school level; provides requirements for course grade &amp; course credit; requires inclusion of civics education end-of-course assessment data in determining school grades. Effective Date: July 1, 2010</p> <p>09/11/09 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>10/12/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Education Policy Council</p> <p>10/12/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee</p> <p>01/06/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Policy Committee, 01/13/10, 10:00 am, 17 H</p> <p>01/13/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>01/19/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>01/25/10 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council</p> <p>02/10/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Education Policy Council, 02/17/10, 9:45 am, 17 H</p> <p>02/17/10 HOUSE Favorable by Education Policy Council; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/17/10 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading</p> <p>03/12/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 03/16/10</p> <p>03/16/10 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (860131)</p> <p>03/18/10 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays)</p> <p>03/23/10 SENATE In Messages</p> <p>04/14/10 SENATE Received; Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations</p> <p>04/16/10 SENATE Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12, Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Substituted for SB 1096; Read Second Time</p> <p>04/21/10 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)</p> <p>04/22/10 HOUSE Ordered Enrolled</p> <p>04/22/10 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed</p> <p>04/30/10 Signed by Officers and Presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 05/15/10)</p>		

#### Public Comments

The Florida PTA believes that quality education should include a basic comprehensive curriculum which would include, but not be limited to: (1) Basic Skills-language arts, writing, mathematics, arts, music, health, physical education, science and social studies and the teaching of respect for our country and its laws.

HB 0107	<b>Relating to Autism</b>	Coley	04/30/10
(S: 0214)	<p>Autism: Requires that physician refer minor to appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder; provides health insurance coverage for individuals with certain developmental disabilities; requires certain insurers &amp; HMOs to provide direct patient access to appropriate specialist for screening, evaluation, or diagnosis for autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities; requires insurer's policy or HMO contract to provide for minimum number of visits per year for such screening, evaluation, or diagnosis. Effective Date: July 1, 2010</p> <p>09/11/09 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>10/12/09 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Regulation Policy Committee; Insurance, Business &amp; Financial Affairs Policy Committee; Government Operations Appropriations Committee; General Government Policy Council</p> <p>10/12/09 HOUSE Now in Health Care Regulation Policy Committee</p> <p>03/18/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Regulation Policy Committee, 03/22/10, 1:45 pm, 17 H</p> <p>03/22/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health Care Regulation Policy Committee; 10 Yeas, 1 Nay</p> <p>03/30/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>04/05/10 HOUSE Reference to Insurance, Business &amp; Financial Affairs Policy Committee Removed; Remaining References: Government Operations Appropriations Committee; General Government Policy Council</p> <p>04/05/10 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations Committee</p> <p>04/07/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Appropriations Committee, 04/09/10, 8:00 am, 116 K</p> <p>04/09/10 HOUSE Favorable by Government Operations Appropriations Committee; 8 Yeas, 3 Nays</p> <p>04/09/10 HOUSE Now in General Government Policy Council</p> <p>04/30/10 HOUSE Died in General Government Policy Council</p>		

#### Public Comments

PTA supports legislation mandating health insurance coverage of therapies for all children in need of Speech, Occupational, Physical and other Habilitative Treatments

HB 0117	<b>Relating to Childhood Vaccinations</b>	Ambler	03/01/10
(S: 0222)	<p>Childhood Vaccinations: Revises requirements for administration of certain vaccines required for school entry; requires licensed health care providers to provide certain vaccine information statements to parents, legal guardians, &amp; legal representatives before administration of certain vaccines to children; requires health care providers to obtain signed statements from parents, legal guardians, &amp; legal representatives documenting that vaccine information statements are provided; specifies required contents of signed statements; requires health care providers to record batch &amp; lot number of each vaccine on signed statements; requires health care providers to maintain certain records; provides for application of act to certain vaccine information statements; authorizes use of single signed statement for administration of multiple vaccines under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2010</p>		

09/15/09 HOUSE Filed

10/12/09 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Regulation Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee

10/12/09 HOUSE Now in Health Care Regulation Policy Committee

02/09/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Regulation Policy Committee, 02/16/10, 9:00 am, 17 H

02/16/10 HOUSE Temporarily postponed by Health Care Regulation Policy Committee

03/01/10 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

### Public Comments

PTA supports full immunization by the age of two of the necessary measles, mumps, rubella and hepatitis B vaccinations and the tuberculosis test, with the exemptions considered for medical religious reasons.

SB 0124	<b>Relating to School Entry Requirements/Swimming Life Skills</b>	Bullard (L)	04/30/10
	School Entry Requirements/Swimming Life Skills [SPSC]; Requires that children who enter public or private schools in the state present evidence of having completed a class in swimming life skills conducted by a certified instructor. Provides for certain exemptions from the requirement. Amends specified provisions relating to student and parent rights and requirements for private schools, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.		
	10/05/09 SENATE Filed		
	12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations		
	04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12		
	<b>Public Comments</b>		
	No PTA position		

SB 0140 (I: 1619)	<b>Relating to School Food Service Programs</b>	Siplin	04/28/10
	School Food Service Programs [SPSC]; Creates the Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program within the DOE. Requires the department to work with the DOACS to develop policies that encourage school districts to buy fresh and local food and select foods with maximum nutritional content. Requires the DOE, in collaboration with the DOACS, to provide outreach services regarding the benefits of fresh food products from this state, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.		
	10/05/09 SENATE Filed		
	12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations		
	01/12/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 01/20/10, 10:00 am, 301 S		
	01/20/10 SENATE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Education Pre-K - 12; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	01/28/10 SENATE Now in Agriculture		
	03/01/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Agriculture, 03/04/10, 1:00 pm, 37 S		
	03/04/10 SENATE Favorable by Agriculture; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/04/10 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability		
	04/01/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 04/06/10, 1:00 pm, 110 S		
	04/06/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	04/07/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
	04/09/10 SENATE Now in Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations		
	04/09/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, 04/13/10, 2:45 pm, 412 K		
	04/13/10 SENATE Favorable by Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	04/13/10 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
	04/19/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/21/10		
	04/21/10 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (299320); Ordered engrossed		
	04/21/10 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed		
	04/22/10 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)		
	04/23/10 HOUSE In Messages		
	04/26/10 HOUSE Referred to Calendar		
	04/26/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/27/10		
	04/27/10 HOUSE Substituted for HB 1619; Read Second Time		
	04/28/10 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 0 Nays)		
	04/28/10 SENATE Ordered enrolled		
	04/28/10 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed		

### Public Comments

PTA supports the requirement that food and beverage items sold to students in vending machines, school stores, and in the school cafeteria contain at least the minimum nutritional value as determined by the USDA.

HB 0169 (S: 1502)	<b>Relating to Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality</b>	Fitzgerald	04/30/10
	Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality: Creates "Florida Healthy Teens Act"; requires public schools that provide certain information or programs to students concerning human sexuality to provide information that meets specified criteria; authorizes parents or guardians to seek review of school's compliance & provides for corrective actions; provides for exemption from certain teaching. Effective Date: July 1, 2010		
	10/01/09 HOUSE Filed		
	10/26/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Health Care Services Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council		

10/26/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee  
04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy

### Public Comments

The Florida PTA urges the legislature and local school districts to require public school sexuality curricula that recognize the special place that sexuality has in our lives; are medically accurate and age appropriate; stress the value and benefits of remaining abstinent until involved in a committed, enduring and mutually monogamous relationship, assure awareness of optimal protection from sexually transmitted diseases and stress that there are no infallible methods of protection, except abstinence, and that condoms cannot protect against some forms of STDs.

HB 0193 **Relating to Health Education** Jones (M) 04/30/10

(I: 0478 ) Health Education: Provides for mandatory one-half credit in health education, independent of physical education credit requirement, for high school students; provides waiver for students who request to take & successfully complete health education assessment developed by DOE; reduces number of credits in elective courses. Effective Date: July 1, 2010  
10/07/09 HOUSE Filed  
11/02/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council  
11/02/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee  
04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy

### Public Comments

The Florida PTA believes that quality education should include a basic comprehensive curriculum which would include, but not be limited to: (1) Basic Skills-language arts, writing, mathematics, arts, music, health, physical education, science and social studies; and (2) Life Skills-problem solving, decision-making, understanding of self and others and communication.

SB 0222 **Relating to Childhood Vaccinations** Ring 04/30/10

(S: 0117 ) Childhood Vaccinations [SPSC]; Requires a pediatrician or attending physician to discuss the risks, benefits, and alternatives of each vaccination before a child is vaccinated. Provides requirements for the administration of certain vaccines required for school entry. Requires licensed health care providers to provide certain vaccine information statements to parents, legal guardians, and legal representatives before administering certain vaccines to children, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.  
10/05/09 SENATE Filed  
12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means  
04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Health Regulation

### Public Comments

PTA supports full immunization by the age of two of the necessary measles, mumps, rubella and hepatitis B vaccinations and the tuberculosis test, with the exemptions considered for medical religious reasons.

SB 0316 **Relating to Child-restraint Requirements/Motor Vehicles** Altman 04/30/10

(C: 0217 )  
(S: 0179 0387 ) Child-restraint Requirements/Motor Vehicles [CPSC]; Provides child-restraint requirements for certain children ages 4 through 7. Provides certain exceptions. Redefines the term "motor vehicle" to exclude certain vehicles from such requirements. Provides a grace period. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010 except as otherwise provided.  
10/05/09 SENATE Filed  
12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations  
01/25/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 02/02/10, 1:30 pm, 37 S  
02/02/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays  
02/03/10 SENATE Committee Substitute (C1) Text Filed  
02/08/10 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice  
03/04/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 03/09/10, 3:30 pm, 37 S  
03/09/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays  
03/10/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
03/15/10 SENATE Now in Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations  
04/01/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations, 04/06/10, 3:15 pm, 309 C  
04/06/10 SENATE Favorable by Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays  
04/07/10 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading  
04/13/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/15/10  
04/15/10 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading  
04/15/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/16/10  
04/16/10 SENATE Read Second Time  
04/21/10 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 33 Yeas / 2 Nays)  
04/22/10 HOUSE In Messages  
04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Messages

### Public Comments

PTA supports legislation that requires the use of child restraints and safety belts.

SB 0328 **Relating to State Uniform Traffic Control/Texting Prohibited** Dockery 04/30/10

(C: 0041 0893 )  
0244 0324  
0326 0374 State Uniform Traffic Control/Texting Prohibited [CPSC]; Prohibits the use of an electronic communication device to send or

0448 0522 receive text-based communications while operating a motor vehicle. Defines the term "text-based communication." Provides  
 0592 0934 exceptions and for enforcement. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.  
 2514 )  
 (S: 0323 0168 )

10/06/09 SENATE Filed

12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic  
 Development Appropriations

04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Transportation

### Public Comments

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to require the use of a hands free device with cell phones and  
 ban the practice of texting while operating a moving vehicle

HB 0333 **Relating to Use of Cellular Telephones** Garcia 04/30/10

(C: 0687 0893  
 0244 0418  
 0522 0592  
 0934 2514 )  
 (I: 0608 )

Use of Cellular Telephones: Prohibits use of cellular telephone while operating motor vehicle except when using headset or hands-  
 free device; provides exemptions; provides penalty; provides for enforcement only as secondary offense. Effective Date: July 1,  
 2010

11/09/09 HOUSE Filed

11/20/09 HOUSE Referred to Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee; Public Safety & Domestic Security Policy Committee;  
 Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council

11/20/09 HOUSE Now in Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee

02/10/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee, 02/17/10, 9:00 am, 404 H - Workshop

02/17/10 HOUSE Workshopped by Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee

04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on Roads, Bridges, & Ports Policy

### Public Comments

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to require the use of a hands free device with cell phones and  
 ban the practice of texting while operating a moving vehicle

HB 0349 **Relating to School Food Services** Porth 04/30/10

(S: 0794 )

School Food Services: Provides that district school board policies for operation of school food service programs include  
 requirement that schools provide & post nutritional information for daily meals; requires each school district with summer nutrition  
 program to provide such information. Effective Date: July 1, 2011

11/13/09 HOUSE Filed

12/10/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council

12/10/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee

04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy

### Public Comments

PTA supports efforts to improve child nutrition and wellness. Priorities include promoting universal  
 meals programs, updating regulations governing school meals programs to reflect current science  
 and health trends, advocating for parent involvement in school wellness councils, and encouraging  
 parents to play a more  
 active role in the messaging sent to their children about nutrition and healthy food choices. PTA  
 opposes child  
 nutrition block grants and other proposals that would threaten the availability of funds for programs  
 that feed hungry children. Existing child nutrition programs promote overall nutrition and wellness,  
 prepare children for learning, and improve children's school attendance and behavior.

SB 0358 **Relating to Contamination Notification/Site Rehabilitation** Justice 10/21/09

(C: 0207 )  
 (S: 0602 )

Contamination Notification/Site Rehabilitation; Revises contamination notification provisions. Requires individuals responsible for  
 site rehabilitation to provide notice of site rehabilitation to specified entities. Authorizes the DEP to pursue enforcement measures  
 for noncompliance with notice requirements. Requires the DEP to provide specified notice to private K-12 schools and child care  
 facilities. Requires the DEP to provide specified notice to public schools within a specified area, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE:  
 07/01/2010.

10/08/09 SENATE Filed

10/21/09 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction

### Public Comments

? Protect children from health risks by testing for specific hazards in and around homes and schools  
 and, if hazards are found, by limiting exposure and addressing remedies.

SB 0374 **Relating to State Uniform Traffic Control/Prohibits Texting** Wilson 04/30/10

(C: 0041 0323  
 0893 0168  
 0244 0324  
 0326 0328  
 0448 0522  
 0592 0934  
 2514 )

State Uniform Traffic Control/Prohibits Texting [CPSC]; Prohibits the use of electronic communication devices to send or receive  
 text-based communications while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions. Provides a penalty. EFFECTIVE DATE:  
 07/01/2010.

10/08/09 SENATE Filed

12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Transportation

### Public Comments

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to require the use of a hands free device with cell phones and ban the practice of texting while operating a moving vehicle

HB 0383 **Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program** Long 04/30/10

(S: 0848 ) Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program: Provides that prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private providers & public schools must meet new professional credentialing requirements beginning July 1, 2013; repeals provisions relating to aspirational goals for professional credentials of prekindergarten instructors. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

11/19/09 HOUSE Filed

12/18/09 HOUSE Referred to Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee; Policy Council; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; General Government Policy Council

12/18/09 HOUSE Now in Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee

04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on Insurance, Business, & Financial Affairs Policy

### Public Comments

PTA supports federal and state incentives for high-quality child-care and preschool programs that are affordable and accessible, coordinated at all levels (federal, state, and local), and characterized by high standards for teacher training, health, and safety.

HB 0407 **Relating to Student Voter Education** Brisé 04/30/10

(I: 0524 ) Student Voter Education: Requires each district school board & county supervisor of elections to jointly provide voter-education program to high school students who are eligible to register or preregister to vote; requires education to consist of mandatory presentation by supervisor of elections to public high school students; requires presentation to be made available to nonpublic high schools upon request; provides guidelines for program content. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

11/24/09 HOUSE Filed

12/18/09 HOUSE Referred to Governmental Affairs Policy Committee; PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council

12/18/09 HOUSE Now in Governmental Affairs Policy Committee

02/10/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Governmental Affairs Policy Committee, 02/17/10, 8:30 am, 212 K - Workshop

02/17/10 HOUSE Workshopped by Governmental Affairs Policy Committee

04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on Governmental Affairs Policy

### Public Comments

PTA supports voter education programs for all students. Emphasize the civic responsibility for registering, being an informed voter and voting in every election.

SB 0434 **Relating to Suicide Prevention Education** Sobel 04/28/10

(I: 1061 ) Suicide Prevention Education [SPSC]; Deletes references to inactive organizations represented by members of the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council and replaces with active organizations. Requires that district school boards provide access to suicide prevention educational resources to all instructional and administrative personnel as part of the school district professional development system. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

10/13/09 SENATE Filed

12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

03/12/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 03/17/10, 8:00 am, 301 S

03/17/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education Pre-K - 12; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/18/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/22/10 SENATE Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

03/25/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 03/26/10, 8:00 am, 401 S

03/26/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/29/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

04/01/10 SENATE Now in Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

04/14/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, 04/19/10, 10:30 am, 412 K

04/19/10 SENATE Favorable by Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/19/10 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

04/20/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/22/10

04/22/10 SENATE Read Second Time

04/23/10 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 35 Yeas / 0 Nays)

04/26/10 HOUSE In Messages

04/26/10 HOUSE Referred to Calendar

04/26/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/27/10

04/27/10 HOUSE Substituted for HB 1061; Read Second Time

04/28/10 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 110 Yeas / 0 Nays)

04/28/10 SENATE Ordered enrolled

04/28/10 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

### Public Comments

The Florida PTA supports programs which educate parents, teachers and students on the symptoms and causes of teen suicide.

HB 0461 **Relating to Student Achievement in Fine Arts Courses** Kelly 04/30/10  
 Student Achievement in Fine Arts Courses: Revises basis for designation of school grades to include performance of students who are enrolled in fine arts courses; requires that DOE, in coordination with Florida professional arts education associations, develop assessments, subject to available funding; requires that field testing of assessments be completed & results of testing be reported within specified period after funding becomes available. Effective Date: July 1, 2010  
 (S: 0820 )  
 12/08/09 HOUSE Filed  
 12/18/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council  
 12/18/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee  
 03/23/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Policy Committee, 03/25/10, 9:00 am, 17 H  
 03/25/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 03/26/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
 03/29/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Committee  
 04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Appropriations

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**Public Comments**

PTA supports the expansion of legislation and changes in executive agency regulations that include arts education in core requirements for a high quality, comprehensive public education. PTA supports the expansion and improvement of activities that prepare teachers to incorporate the arts into the curriculum of other academic subjects to supplement and engage student learning.

HB 0473 **Relating to Public School Education** Bullard (D) 04/30/10  
 Public School Education: Revises statewide student assessment program beginning with 2014-2015 school year; discontinues use of FCAT; requires use of subject area assessments in grades 3 through 5, subject area assessments & end-of-course examinations in grades 6 through 12, & diagnostic assessments in grades 6, 8, & 10; revises high school graduation requirements to include measure of overall academic performance; revises credit requirements in mathematics & science; revises basis for determining school grades & school improvement ratings; revises comprehensive program for student progression; revises Florida School Recognition Program; provides for public school assessment & accountability alignment committee to develop standards & procedures for revised assessment & grading systems. Effective Date: July 1, 2014  
 (C: 0061 0209 7053 0004 0120 0420 )  
 (S: 1154 )  
 12/09/09 HOUSE Filed  
 12/18/09 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council  
 12/18/09 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee  
 04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy

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**Public Comments**

PTA opposes the use of a national, mandated, standardized test as the sole criterion for measuring a school's or student's progress. An assessment system should evaluate higher-order skills, including students' abilities to use technology, conduct research, engage in scientific investigation, and solve problems. An accountability system should include other indicators of educational quality, such as competency of teaching staff, class size, parent involvement, facility condition, and quality of instructional materials. PTA also believes that states and schools must have the resources including adequate financial and technical support to address specific problems and ensure that schools can meet high standards. Student assessment should identify how instruction and learning can be improved.

HB 0475 **Relating to School Speed Zones** Gonzalez 04/30/10  
 School Speed Zones: Creates "Shaye Patrick Martin Safety Act"; establishes transitional speed areas before & after slowest speed in school zone; requires installation of vehicle speed cameras in school zones to record images of driver & license plate of motor vehicle exceeding speed limit; provides for such cameras to be included in DOT's uniform system of traffic control devices. Effective Date: July 1, 2010  
 (I: 1110 )  
 12/09/09 HOUSE Filed  
 12/18/09 HOUSE Referred to Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee; Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee; PreK-12 Policy Committee; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council  
 12/18/09 HOUSE Now in Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee  
 02/10/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee, 02/17/10, 9:00 am, 404 H - Workshop  
 04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on Roads, Bridges, & Ports Policy

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**Public Comments**

**School Speed Zones (Historical position)**

The Florida Legislature should require the individual counties who do not have 15 m.p.h. school speed zone limits to enact a school zone speed limit of 15-20 m.p.h on the streets immediately adjacent to school grounds. The individual county commissions should be given authority to make exceptions to the statute by a vote of one more than majority in cases where the exception is necessary for overriding reasons of general safety. This should be entered in the Florida State Drivers Handbook for legal and educational purposes.

**SCHOOL TRAFFIC DEFINITION AND MARKING OF SCHOOL ZONES (1991)** The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to set a clear and standard definition for all school zones. Signs should be posted to indicate a reduction in speed to 15 m.p.h. in such locations to give motorists adequate time to slow down.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC ZONES (1991) The Florida PTA urges its local PTAs and councils to work with local law enforcement agencies to ensure strict adherence to school area traffic laws.

HB 0507	<b>Relating to Expenditures for Classroom Instruction</b>	Schenck	04/30/10
	Expenditures for Classroom Instruction: Provides minimum requirements for expenditures for classroom instruction at school district & school levels; specifies requirements for uniform calculation of district operating expenditures that support classroom instruction; requires annual reporting of expenditures; requires DOE & district school boards to analyze expenditures; provides for technical assistance in budget preparation & analysis; requires explanation of financial & performance status of school districts & schools under certain circumstances; provides SBE rulemaking & enforcement authority. Effective Date: July 1, 2010 12/16/09 HOUSE Filed 01/15/10 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development 01/15/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Committee 04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Appropriations		
SB 0522	<b>Relating to Electronic Wireless Communications Device/Driving</b>	Gelber	04/30/10
(C: 0041 0323 0333 0687 0893 0168 0244 0324 0328 0374 0418 0448 0592 0608 0934 2514 )	Electronic Wireless Communications Device/Driving [CPSC]; Cites this act as the "You Talk, You Walk Act." Prohibits a person younger than 18 years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device or telephone. Provides exceptions. Provides for enforcement as a secondary action. Provides penalties. Provides for the suspension of a person's driver's license for a violation of a specified provision. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010. 10/26/09 SENATE Filed 12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations 04/08/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 04/13/10, 12:30 pm, 37 S 04/13/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays 04/14/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 04/15/10 SENATE Reference to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities removed; Remaining reference: Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations 04/15/10 SENATE Now in Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations 04/22/10 SENATE Withdrawn from Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; 04/22/10 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading 04/23/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/27/10 04/27/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/28/10 04/28/10 SENATE Read Second Time 04/29/10 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 34 Yeas / 2 Nays) 04/29/10 HOUSE In Messages 04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Messages		
	<b>Public Comments</b> The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to require the use of a hands free device with cell phones and ban the practice of texting while operating a moving vehicle		
SB 0592	<b>Relating to Motor Vehicle Operators/Electronic Handheld Device</b>	Crist	04/30/10
(C: 0041 0323 0333 0687 0893 0168 0244 0324 0328 0374 0418 0448 0522 0608 0934 2514 )	Motor Vehicle Operators/Electronic Handheld Device [CPSC]; Prohibits persons younger than 18 from using any electronic handheld device while operating a motor vehicle. Provides a surcharge for the violation. Provides for enforcement only as a secondary offense. Authorizes the issuance of a warning and safety literature in lieu of the surcharge. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2011. 10/28/09 SENATE Filed 12/09/09 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations 04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Transportation		
	<b>Public Comments</b> The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to require the use of a hands free device with cell phones and ban the practice of texting while operating a moving vehicle		
HB 0599	<b>Relating to Public School Transportation</b>	Nelson	04/30/10
(I: 1574 )	Public School Transportation: Authorizes district school boards to designate & use certain elementary schools as transportation hubs; provides for district school board policies that authorize private advertisements on school buses; provides for payment of advertisement fee & use of fee; requires State Board of Education rules relating to display of advertisements; revises provisions relating to hazardous walking conditions & requirements for funding transportation of students. Effective Date: July 1, 2010 01/07/10 HOUSE Filed 01/20/10 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council 01/20/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee 04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy		

**Public Comments**

Place on information list?

<b>SB 0608</b> (C: 0687 0893 0244 0418 0522 0592 0934 2514 ) (I: 0333 )	<b>Relating to Cellular Telephones/Use While Driving</b>	Rich	05/01/10
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Cellular Telephones/Use While Driving [CPSC]; Prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle except when using a headset or hands-free device. Provides exemptions. Provides a penalty. Provides for enforcement only as a secondary offense. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

11/04/09 SENATE Filed  
12/17/09 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations  
05/01/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Transportation

**Public Comments**

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to require the use of a hands free device with cell phones and ban the practice of texting while operating a moving vehicle

<b>HB 0623</b> (C: 5101 1124 )	<b>Relating to Instructional Materials for K-12 Public Education</b>	Burgin	04/30/10
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Instructional Materials for K-12 Public Education: Includes electronic textbooks in definition of term "adequate instructional materials"; requires each district school board to provide technology as needed for its educational program; authorizes use of certain funds for purchase of electronic textbooks by district school boards; provides for purchase of electronic or computer hardware under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

01/08/10 HOUSE Filed  
01/20/10 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council  
01/20/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee  
03/08/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Policy Committee, 03/10/10, 8:30 am, 17 H  
03/10/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Policy Committee; 12 Yeas, 2 Nays  
03/11/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed  
03/12/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Committee  
03/24/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Appropriations Committee, 03/26/10, 8:30 am, 404 H  
03/26/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays  
03/26/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
03/29/10 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council  
04/15/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Education Policy Council, 04/16/10, 9:00 am, 17 H  
04/16/10 HOUSE Favorable by Education Policy Council; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays  
04/16/10 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading  
04/21/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/23/10  
04/23/10 HOUSE Read Second Time  
04/26/10 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 2 Nays)  
04/26/10 SENATE In Messages  
04/30/10 SENATE Died in Messages

<b>HB 0639</b> (I: 1244 )	<b>Relating to Public School Student Progression</b>	Clarke-Reed	04/30/10
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Public School Student Progression: Provides process by which retention of third grade student who exhibits reading deficiency may be appealed; provides for exemption from mandatory retention through successful appeal; requires DOE to establish appeal process; specifies circumstances recognized as justification for granting appeal; requires assessment & evaluation. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

01/11/10 HOUSE Filed  
01/28/10 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council  
01/28/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee  
04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy

**Public Comments**

Policy alternatives to social promotion and grade retention must be established.

<b>HB 0699</b>	<b>Relating to Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program</b>	Precourt	04/30/10
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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program: Provides that program shall serve as incentive to recipients of awards to remain & work in state; requires student intent to work in state for receipt of initial award; requires repayment of award unless student receives credit for repayment by meeting employment obligation; specifies employment obligations & conditions for repayment; provides for deposit of moneys repaid & use of such moneys. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

01/19/10 HOUSE Filed  
01/28/10 HOUSE Referred to State Universities & Private Colleges Appropriations Committee; State Universities & Private Colleges Policy Committee; Education Policy Council  
01/28/10 HOUSE Now in State Universities & Private Colleges Appropriations Committee  
04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on State Universities & Private Colleges Appropriations

<b>SB 0738</b>	<b>Relating to Class Size Limits In Public Schools/Repeal</b>	Bennett	04/30/10
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Class Size Limits In Public Schools/Repeal [WPS]; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to repeal the class size limits.

11/17/09 SENATE Filed  
12/17/09 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules  
04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

SB 0772	<b>Relating to Physical Education</b>	Constantine	04/30/10
	Physical Education [SPSC]; Clarifies provisions requiring that a school district notify a student's parent regarding certain options available to the student as an alternative to participation in physical education. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010. 11/18/09 SENATE Filed 12/17/09 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation 04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12		
SB 0940	<b>Relating to School Attendance/Withdrawal from School</b>	Wilson	04/30/10
	School Attendance/Withdrawal from School [SPSC]; Requires that a student who is withdrawing from school be assigned a counselor or other school personnel to provide educational information until the student is 18 years of age. Requires that 9th grade students in their second semester and students who are withdrawing from school receive detailed instruction regarding the effects of withdrawing from high school without graduating and certain available options. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law. 12/15/09 SENATE Filed 01/14/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations 04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12		
SB 0976	<b>Relating to Public School Students/Grades 1-3/Reading</b>	Wilson	04/30/10
	Public School Students/Grades 1-3/Reading [SPSC]; Requires that certain students who are enrolled in a public elementary school and reading below grade level be placed into an intensive reading lab. Provides for oversight of the progress of students assigned to a reading lab. Encourages the principal of a school where reading labs are required to solicit donations to secure instructional materials. Specifies requirements for training teachers to teach reading, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010. 12/17/09 SENATE Filed 01/14/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations 04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12		
	<b>Public Comments</b>		
	Policy alternatives to social promotion and grade retention must be established.		
HB 1009	<b>Relating to Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program</b>	Weatherford	04/07/10
(C: 0675 1406 ) (I: 2126 )	Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program: Makes program operation contingent upon available funds; revises eligibility criteria; revises tax credit grant provisions; specifies tax credit cap; provides for increasing cap; provides for carryforward of unused amounts of tax credits; provides limitations on conveying, assigning, or transferring tax credits; revises taxpayer tax credit rescission provisions; deletes prohibition against claiming multiple tax credits; specifies additional obligations for eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations to development & review of accountant procedures & guidelines; limits private school participation eligibility to specified grades; requires private schools to annually contract with accountants to perform procedures; revises DOE obligations; specifies additional requirements for independent research organizations; provides responsibilities of DOE; authorizes Commissioner of Education to deny, suspend, or revoke private school program participation; revises limitations on annual amounts of scholarships provided; provides for credit against oil & gas production tax, sales & use tax, corporate income tax, & alcoholic beverage taxes. Effective Date: July 1, 2010 02/10/10 HOUSE Filed 02/25/10 HOUSE Referred to Finance & Tax Council; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development 02/25/10 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Council 03/03/10 Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference; 03/05/10, 10:15 a.m., 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 03/10/10 Bill to be discussed during the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/12/10, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) 03/23/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Finance & Tax Council, 03/25/10, 1:00 pm, 404 H - PCS 03/25/10 HOUSE PCS Favorable by Finance & Tax Council 03/29/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 04/01/10 HOUSE Reference to PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development Removed 04/01/10 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading 04/05/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/07/10 04/07/10 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 2126; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 2126		
	<b>Public Comments</b>		
	PTA opposes all education voucher and tax credit proposals for public and non-public preschool, elementary and secondary school students.		
SB 1096	<b>Relating to Middle School Civics Education Assessment</b>	Detert	04/16/10
(S: 0105 )	Middle School Civics Education Assessment [SPSC]; Cites this act as the "Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Act." Amends a specified provision relating to the Sunshine State Standards. Provides requirements for a civics education course that a student must successfully complete for middle grades promotion beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2012-2013 school year. Provides requirements for course grade and course credit for subsequent school years, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010. 01/07/10 SENATE Filed 01/21/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations 02/05/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 02/16/10, 4:00 pm, 301 S 02/16/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education Pre-K - 12; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays 02/17/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 03/01/10 SENATE Now in Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations 04/01/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, 04/06/10, 3:15 pm, 412 K 04/06/10 SENATE Favorable by Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays 04/07/10 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		

04/13/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/15/10

04/15/10 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/16/10

04/16/10 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (672830); Substituted for HB 0105; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0105

### Public Comments

The Florida PTA believes that quality education should include a basic comprehensive curriculum which would include, but not be limited to: (1) Basic Skills-language arts, writing, mathematics, arts, music, health, physical education, science and social studies and the teaching of respect for our country and its laws.

SB 1154	<b>Relating to Public School Education</b>	Gelber	04/30/10
(C: 0061 0209 7053 0004 0120 0420 ) (S: 0473 )	Public School Education [SPSC]; Amends specified provisions relating to discontinuance of administration of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), to conform to changes made by the act. Deletes requirement that district school boards establish policies for intensive reading and mathematics intervention courses in high school. Provides for intervention services. Revises general requirements for high school graduation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.		
	01/12/10 SENATE Filed		
	01/21/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations		
	04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12		
	<b>Public Comments</b>		
	PTA believes that valid assessment does not consist of only a single test score, and that at no time should a single test be considered the student's academic or work future.		

HB 1173	<b>Relating to K-12 Educational Instruction</b>	Fresen	04/30/10
(C: 0534 1124 2262 )	K-12 Educational Instruction: Authorizes formation of virtual charter school; revises provisions for funding Florida Virtual School; authorizes home education students to enroll in virtual instruction courses; exempts certain Florida-based nonpublic schools from requirements relating to attendance records & reports, school-entry health examinations, & student immunizations; revises provisions relating to school district virtual instruction programs; revises requirements for certified teachers, provides that program may be part-time, & revises requirements for approval of program provider; revises student eligibility & enrollment, reporting & funding, & accountability requirements; authorizes full-time students to take virtual instruction courses; requires students to take online course for high school graduation; provides that instructional materials include computer hardware; revises FEFP provisions relating to virtual instruction; authorizes issuance of adjunct educator certificate to virtual instruction educators. Effective Date: July 1, 2010		
	02/22/10 HOUSE Filed		
	03/01/10 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; Education Policy Council		
	03/01/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee		
	04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy		

HB 1227	<b>Relating to Children's Services</b>	Mayfield	04/30/10
(C: 1216 2014 )	Children's Services: Revises membership of councils on children's services; requires governing body of county to approve purchase of real estate or construction of building by council on children's services; requires submission of tentative budget & proposed millage rate to governing body of county; requires governing body of county to take public testimony on council's tentative budget & proposed millage rate; provides for governing body of county to approve budget before final adoption by council on children's services; specifies that millage levied & fixed by council on children's services does not count against millage limit applicable to county under State Constitution; limits authority of governing body of county over funds related to council on children's services; requires governing body of county to take public testimony on effectiveness of council on children's services; requires electors of county to periodically vote on whether to retain or dissolve council on children's services; requires council on children's services to give priority in use of funds to provision of children's services rather than to purchase of real estate or construction of buildings; provides legislative intent. Effective Date: upon becoming a law		
	02/23/10 HOUSE Filed		
	03/03/10 HOUSE Referred to Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee; Health Care Services Policy Committee; Finance & Tax Council; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council		
	03/03/10 HOUSE Now in Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee		
	03/23/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee, 03/25/10, 9:00 am, 212 K - PCS		
	03/25/10 HOUSE Temporarily postponed by Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee		
	04/06/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee, 04/08/10, 1:00 pm, 212 K - PCS		
	04/08/10 HOUSE PCS Unfavorable by Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee; 7 Yeas, 7 Nays		
	04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on Military & Local Affairs Policy		

HB 1233	<b>Relating to Educational Plant Surveys</b>	Jenne	04/30/10
(S: 2356 )	Educational Plant Surveys: Authorizes extension to school district educational plant survey submission deadline; provides requirements for submission to DOE of request for extension & requires department approval; provides restrictions on school district construction during extension period; requires State Board of Education to adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2010		
	02/23/10 HOUSE Filed		
	03/03/10 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; PreK-12 Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development		
	03/03/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Committee		
	03/24/10 HOUSE On Committee agenda - PreK-12 Appropriations Committee, 03/26/10, 8:30 am, 404 H		
	03/26/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/26/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
	03/29/10 HOUSE References to PreK-12 Policy Committee, Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development removed; Reference to Education Policy Council added; Remaining reference: Education Policy Council		
	03/29/10 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council		
	04/05/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Education Policy Council, 04/07/10, 9:00 am, 17 H		

04/07/10 HOUSE Favorable by Education Policy Council; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays  
 04/07/10 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading  
 04/16/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/20/10  
 04/20/10 HOUSE Read Second Time  
 04/21/10 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays)  
 04/21/10 SENATE In Messages  
 04/30/10 SENATE Died in Messages

### Public Comments

**PLANT SURVEY AND SCHOOL BUILDING PROCESS (1989)** The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to provide funding for Department of Education Plant Survey to be conducted every three years in rapidly growing districts, and to amend the process for determining the need for new schools, allowing school districts to plan construction of schools based on a more reasonable percentage of projected population.

SB 1242	<b>Relating to School Health Services Program</b>	Wilson	04/30/10
School Health Services Program [SPSC]; Defines the term "school-based health center" for purposes of the School Health Services Act. Provides that such a center is a health care entity acting as an instrumentality of the state for purposes of certain limitations on liability. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.			
01/19/10 SENATE Filed			
02/03/10 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations			
04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Health Regulation			

SB 1262	<b>Relating to School-entry Requirements/Vision Examinations</b>	Wilson	04/30/10
School-entry Requirements/Vision Examinations [SPSC]; Requires children who enter public or private schools in the state to present evidence of having received a comprehensive vision examination. Provides an exemption. Requires the imposition of a fee on the retail sale of nonprescription eyeglasses. Provides for the fee to be used by the Department of Health to assist parents in paying for school-entry comprehensive vision examinations, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010 except as otherwise provided.			
01/20/10 SENATE Filed			
02/03/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation; Finance and Tax; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means			
04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12			

### Public Comments

National PTA believes that health is based on the quality of life of the whole child?emotional, environmental, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual. All elements must be considered before optimum health can exist.

National PTA recognizes that:

Early diagnosis and treatment of children?s vision problems is a necessary component to school readiness and academic learning. Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Comprehensive eye and vision examinations by an optometrist or ophthalmologist are important for all children first entering school and regularly throughout their school-aged years to ensure healthy eyes and adequate vision skills essential for successful academic achievement.

SB 1278	<b>Relating to School Nurse Services</b>	Wilson	04/30/10
School Nurse Services [SPSC]; Cites this act as the "One School, One Nurse Act." Creates a specified provision relating to public-private partnerships for the provision of school nurse services. Provides duties of the State Surgeon General and the Commissioner of Education in publicizing the availability of matching funds and determining eligibility for such funds. Provides a process for a community to submit a proposal to receive matching funds, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$75,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.			
01/20/10 SENATE Filed			
02/03/10 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means			
04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Health Regulation			

### Public Comments

The Florida PTA supports the full funding through public funds of a paid, trained clinic attendant or health aide in each public elementary school during student hours.

SB 1380 (C: 0151 1164 )	<b>Relating to Assessment of Residential Real Property</b>	Finance and Tax	04/30/10
Assessment of Residential Real Property [WPSC]; Defines the terms "changes or improvements made for the purpose of improving a property's resistance to wind damage," "existing residential structure," and "new residential structure." Prohibits a property appraiser from considering such changes or improvements in determining the assessed value of residential property. Provides for application. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.			
01/26/10 SENATE Filed (Formerly PCB 7022)			
02/03/10 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means			
03/01/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/04/10, 1:00 pm, 412 K			
03/04/10 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays			
03/05/10 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax			

03/10/10 Bill to be discussed during the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/12/10, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

03/31/10 Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference; 04/02/10, 10:00 a.m., 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

04/02/10 Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference; 04/05/10, 4:00 p.m., 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

04/08/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 04/13/10, 2:45 pm, 301 S

04/13/10 SENATE Favorable by Finance and Tax; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/14/10 SENATE Now in General Government Appropriations

04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on General Government Appropriations

### **Public Comments**

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#### Role of Religion in Publicly Funded Educational and Social Services

National PTA supports instruction about religion, in the context of literature, philosophy, and history as well as in the comparative study of religions. National PTA believes that public schools shall not, however, engage in religious instruction, whether it is instruction in specific religious practices, or imposing religious values in curriculum.

National PTA opposes programs, whether they are taught by public school employees or third parties engaged by the schools, that include religious worship, instruction, or indoctrination. The responsibility for a child's religious upbringing rests exclusively in the home and with the religious instructors designated by the family.

National PTA supports the right of children to pray individually or in groups, to read religious texts, and to discuss their religious views with their peers, so long as they are not disruptive. National PTA believes the right to engage in voluntary worship or religious study or conversation, however, does not include the right to have a captive audience or to compel other students to participate. National PTA opposes mandatory or organized prayer or religious worship at official public school functions, whether led by a school official or student.

National PTA opposes voluntary student religious activities that are led by teachers in their official capacity, because these may appear coercive to impressionable children. In keeping with Supreme Court decisions, National PTA supports moments of silence provided that their intent and implementation not favor religious over secular practices, and that policies to protect against coercion or harassment of students based on their decisions to engage in or refrain from prayer or any other permitted activity be implemented.

National PTA supports policies that foster parent involvement including decision-making, however, no one parent should be allowed to determine the curriculum or services that shall be available to children other than his or her own. If a parent determines that particular lessons substantially contradict his or her values or beliefs, and there is no compelling interest in requiring attendance, National PTA supports allowing his or her child to be excused from those specific lessons, with no negative academic consequences.

National PTA also supports the rights of children and youth to decline to participate in curriculum or activities that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs, with no negative academic consequences. National PTA further supports federal, state, and local policies that prohibit teasing, harassment, or bullying based on decisions to participate or not participate in lessons, programs, or practices where those decisions are motivated by moral or religious beliefs.

National PTA supports equal access to school facilities and believes that all student clubs should be permitted to meet at school, and to have equal access to campus media to announce their meetings. If the school generally makes its facilities available to private groups, it must make them available on the same terms to all organizations. In cases of religious clubs or organizations, schools must avoid all appearances of official endorsement of the entity or its purposes. National PTA opposes policies that undermine local control of facility access policies.

National PTA supports the use of public funds for social and education services that are available to all people, and opposes the use of public funds to support institutions that may deny service to applicants, particularly where that denial of service may be based on discriminatory factors. National PTA further believes that all recipients of public funds should be held to identical standards of

accountability.

National PTA believes that the autonomy of religious organizations depends on freedom from government intrusion, and that accountability would require an unconstitutional intrusion in the administration of religious organization.

Finally, National PTA opposes government funding of pervasively sectarian organizations and other organizations and programs that discriminate based on religion in employment or delivery of services (including by making religious instruction, worship, or proselitization part of their services or programs).

HB 1453 (C: 2558 )	<b>Relating to Student Assessment</b>	Sands	04/30/10
Student Assessment: Requires DOE to adopt grade-placement assessments for grades 1 through 8 to determine grade placement for student previously enrolled in private school, parochial, religious, or denominational school, home education program, or private tutoring program; requires school districts to administer assessments; provides for use of assessments; provides parent responsibility. Effective Date: July 1, 2010 02/26/10 HOUSE Filed 03/10/10 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council 03/10/10 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee 04/30/10 HOUSE Died in Committee on PreK-12 Policy			
SB 1602	<b>Relating to Public K-12 School Siting</b>	Smith	04/30/10
Public K-12 School Siting [SPSC]; Prohibits a K-12 school from being moved into an existing structure on or adjacent to a known contaminated site. Requires that a district school board report the results of an environmental audit to the Department of Environmental Protection which confirms the presence of contaminants or pollution on or adjacent to the proposed K-12 school site at concentrations that pose a threat to human health or environment, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010. 02/03/10 SENATE Filed 02/10/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations 04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12			
<b>Public Comments</b>			
National PTA urges its members at all levels to monitor, support, and advocate for laws, regulations, and programs that			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate environmental pollutants and prevent new hazards. <input type="checkbox"/> Protect children from health risks by testing for specific hazards in and around homes and schools and, if hazards are found, by limiting exposure and addressing remedies. <input type="checkbox"/> Use protection and management strategies that take into account the geographic, economic, ethnic, cultural, and other societal factors that influence the incidence, exposure, and effects of environmental health hazards. <input type="checkbox"/> Require comprehensive right-to-know and public information provisions in environmental laws and policies.			
SB 1762	<b>Relating to Charter Schools/Maximum Class Size</b>	Thrasher	04/30/10
Charter Schools/Maximum Class Size [SPSC]; Requires that a charter school comply with the maximum class size requirements in s.1, Art. IX of the State Constitution. Provides that the calculation for compliance with the maximum class size requirements be the average at the school level. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010. 02/05/10 SENATE Filed 02/10/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means 04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12			
SB 1970 (C: 5101 ) (S: 1287 )	<b>Relating to Education/High-performing Teachers</b>	Detert	04/30/10
Education/High-performing Teachers [WPSC]; Cites this act as the "High-Performing Teacher Bonuses Act." Requires that each school district allocate 100 percent of the funds received for instruction for the International Baccalaureate Program, Advanced International Certificate of Education, and the Advanced Placement Program. Requires that such funds be expended solely for administrative costs associated with such programs and teachers' bonuses, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010. 02/12/10 SENATE Filed 02/17/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means 04/01/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 04/06/10, 1:00 pm, 301 S 04/06/10 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education Pre-K - 12; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays 04/09/10 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 04/30/10 SENATE Died pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2)			
SB 2502 (S: 1333 )	<b>Relating to Corporate Income Taxes</b>	Gelber	04/30/10
Corporate Income Taxes [WPSC]; Limits deductions of certain intangible expenses, licensing fees, and management fees paid by a taxpayer to a related entity. Creates exceptions to the limitations on deductions. Limits the number of times certain items may be added or subtracted from taxable income. Provides that the failure of a taxpayer to add certain amounts to a taxpayer's income or provide complete information in a tax return is negligence, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law. 02/26/10 SENATE Filed			

03/04/10 SENATE Referred to Commerce; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Commerce

**SB 2514** **Relating to Wireless Communications Devices in Motor Vehicles** Deutch 04/30/10

(C: 0041 0323  
0333 0893  
0168 0244  
0324 0326  
0328 0374  
0448 0522  
0592 0608 )  
(S: 0934 )

Wireless Communications Devices in Motor Vehicles [CPSC]; Prohibits reading, writing, or using a wireless communications device for text messaging while driving a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions. Prohibits the use of a wireless telephone while driving a motor vehicle unless the telephone is designed and used for hands-free talking and listening. Prohibits operators of school buses or other public transportation vehicles from operating such vehicles while using a wireless telephone, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2011.

02/26/10 SENATE Filed

03/04/10 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Transportation

**SB 2518** **Relating to Education** Baker 04/30/10

Education [WPSC]; Proposes amendments to the State Constitution to require that 70 percent of school district funding be expended for the purpose of supporting classroom instruction and prohibit any school district from paying its school administrative personnel or noninstructional personnel more than three times the average salary for teachers in the school district.

02/26/10 SENATE Filed

03/04/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules

04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

**SB 2550** **Relating to Religious Freedom** Altman 04/30/10

(I: 1399 )

Religious Freedom [SPSC]; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that an individual may not be barred from participating in any public program because of choosing to use public benefits at a religious provider and to delete a prohibition against using public revenues in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or any sectarian institution.

02/26/10 SENATE Filed

03/04/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary; Rules

04/01/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 04/06/10, 1:00 pm, 301 S

04/06/10 SENATE Favorable by Education Pre-K - 12; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays

04/07/10 SENATE Now in Judiciary

04/08/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 04/13/10, 9:15 am, 110 S

04/13/10 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, 3 Nays

04/13/10 SENATE Now in Rules

04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Rules

**SB 2686** **Relating to District School Costs Study** Garcia 04/30/10

(I: 1451 )

District School Costs Study [SPSC]; Requires the Department of Education to contract with an out-of-state postsecondary educational institution to conduct a study to analyze Florida's district cost differential amenities index and to develop a cost-of-education index. Requires a report and submission of the report to the Legislature and the Governor. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

02/26/10 SENATE Filed

03/09/10 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

03/18/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 03/23/10, 3:15 pm, 301 S

03/23/10 SENATE Favorable by Education Pre-K - 12; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/24/10 SENATE Now in Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

04/14/10 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, 04/19/10, 10:30 am, 412 K

04/19/10 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

04/30/10 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

**HB 7053** **Relating to Education Accountability** PreK-12 Policy Committee 04/07/10

(C: 0061 0209  
0473 7037  
0120 0420  
1154 1806 )  
(I: 0004 )

Education Accountability: Revises statewide student achievement testing program; discontinues administration of certain FCAT assessments in specified school years; requires end-of-course assessments in certain subjects beginning with students entering grade 9 in specified school years; requires use of scaled scores & achievement levels for measuring student's knowledge & skills; provides for waiver of assessment requirements for certain students; authorizes equivalent scores for assessments; revises general requirements for middle grades promotion; revises credit requirements & requires end-of-course assessments in certain courses for high school graduation beginning with students entering grade 9 in specified school years; requires high schools to offer acceleration courses; revises provisions that specify basis for determining school grades; requires OPPAGA to study types of diplomas offered in other states. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

02/18/10 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB PKP1)

02/26/10 HOUSE Referred to Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; Education Policy Council

02/26/10 HOUSE Now in Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development

03/16/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development, 03/18/10, 1:30 pm, 212 K

03/18/10 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/22/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/23/10 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council

04/01/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Education Policy Council, 04/05/10, 12:30 pm, 212 K - PCS

04/05/10 HOUSE PCS Favorable by Education Policy Council; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/05/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed  
 04/05/10 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading  
 04/05/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/07/10  
 04/07/10 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0004; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0004

**HB 7189 Relating to Education Personnel**PreK-12 Policy  
Committee

04/07/10

(C: 7037 1806  
 2740 )  
 (I: 0006 )

Education Personnel: Revises provisions relating to teacher preparation programs, school district compensation & salary schedules, appraisal of education personnel, & educator certification requirements; requires school districts to develop & implement end-of-course assessments; creates Performance Fund for Instructional Personnel & School-Based Administrators; provides employment criteria for newly hired classroom teachers; repeals specified sections of law; authorizes school districts meeting certain requirements to seek exemption from certain laws. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

03/25/10 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB PKP2)

04/01/10 HOUSE Referred to Education Policy Council

04/01/10 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council

04/01/10 HOUSE On Council agenda - Education Policy Council, 04/05/10, 12:30 pm, 212 K - PCS

04/05/10 HOUSE PCS Favorable by Education Policy Council; 12 Yeas, 5 Nays

04/05/10 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

04/05/10 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

04/05/10 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/07/10

04/07/10 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0006; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0006



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