



PERCEPTION

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For members of the Florida Association of Community Colleges

RETIREMENT ISSUES

There has been some movement on the retirement bills since our last issue. Specifically, two bills, HB 5701 by the Full Appropriations Council on Education and Economic Development and SB 1902 by Sen. Bennett and SB 2022 by Sen. Alexander have been put forth and action taken.

HB 5701 by the Full Appropriations Council on Education and Economic Development (Chair David Rivera, R, Miami) was passed on the floor of the House last Thursday by a vote of 63-56. This contains a provision that would **eliminate the health insurance subsidy for current retirees. This could cost retirees up to \$1800 annually and purportedly would save the State \$48M this year.** In a strange turn of events, the bill came up for floor vote on April 1 at approximately 2:00PM. The bill was actually defeated by a vote of 59-57. Clearly upset by the defeat of the Council bill, Rep. Rivera set about a sequence of events that resulted in some Republican nay voters to change their vote, and gathered four other House members who were not on the floor when the vote was taken. About 45 minutes later, after recess, a motion to “reconsider” HB 5701 was made and passed. The bill was then reconsidered and passed. The bill was immediately certified and the House has requested that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the House or agree to conference on it. There is still no companion bill in the Senate.

SB 2022 also passed the Senate last Thursday. This is the bill that will require both the employer and the employee to pay toward the FRS. The major impact of this bill is requires you to make a “co-pay” toward your state retirement effective January 1, 2011. This includes all employee classes and DROP.

Specifically the bill states:

(h) Effective January 1, 2011, this system shall require employee and employer contributions as provided in s. 121.071 and part III of this chapter. As of January 1, 2011, the rights of members of the retirement system established by this chapter are declared to be of a contractual nature, entered into between the member and the state, and such rights shall be legally enforceable as valid contract rights and shall not be abridged in any way.

(3) Required employee retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System for both retirement plans are as follows:

<u>Membership Class</u>	<u>Percentage of Gross Compensation</u>
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<i>Regular Class -</i>	<i>0.25%</i>
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<i>Special Risk Class -</i>	<i>0.25%</i>
<i>Special Risk</i>	
<i>Administrative</i>	
<i>Support Class</i>	

<i>Elected Officers' Class - Legislators Governor Lt. Governor Cabinet Officers State Attorneys</i>	<i>0.25%</i>
<i>Public Defenders</i>	<i>0.25%</i>
<i>Elected Officers' Class - Justices Judges</i>	<i>0.25%</i>
<i>County Elected Officers</i>	<i>0.25%</i>
<i>Senior Management Class</i>	<i>0.25%</i>
<i>DROP</i>	<i>0.25%</i>

Finally, [SB 1902](#) by Bennett was resurrected with amendments filed after it was initially TP'd last month (which means temporarily passed, which actually means they passed on considering it). It will be considered again with a few changes to the original bill. The key issues in the bill are:

- On or after July 1, 1980 retirement may not exceed 100% of average final compensation
- On or after July 1, 2010 retirement may not exceed 70% of average final compensation
- Effective July 1, 2010 Average final compensation excludes overtime and other compensation (leave pay outs)
- Excludes overtime, sick leave and other leave from inclusion in the final average compensation utilized in determining an employee's retirement.
- Excludes Automobile and Housing supplements from inclusion in final average compensation.
- Changes retirement vesting from six years to ten years for **Special Risk**.

Your FACC legislative team continues to closely monitor the action on these issues. This week, FACC contract lobbyist Ken Plante will be working with legislative leadership to figure out where this is going and to offer options if possible. NOTHING HAS PASSED YET AND NO CHANGES ARE MADE UNTIL THE GOVERNOR SIGNS PASSED BILLS INTO LAW.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY FACC MEMBERS

1. It would be helpful to know what retirement benefits our state legislators have. What is their system? Would you please either post this information or send this out to FACC members?

The Florida Legislators participate in the same retirement system as you do. As elected officials their payout is based on 3% factor, where yours is based on 1.6%. The proposed changes would affect them the same.

2. If faculty is in alternate retirement systems (such as TIAA-Cref) do they have to pay this fee? I would assume no, but this is unclear at the moment.

The co-pay would only apply to those whose employer participates in the FRS and makes retirement payments on your behalf.

3. This is very serious. When will the vote take place on these items?

Votes have already occurred in each chamber. The Senate and house will now move into conference as there are bills in both chambers but no companion bills in either. The House would have to adopt the Senate retirement proposals and visa-versa. This will all be taking place over the next two weeks.

4. Where/which bills suggest the elimination of DROP or the HIS ? Are these filed bills or just recommendations from committee?

HB1319 by Grady proposed eliminating DROP as an option for new hires after June 30, 2011. This bill has not found any legs and has not moved to a single committee.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Now is the time to start contacting your local legislative delegation members to express your concerns. The link to the directories is posted in the FACC web site page dedicated to Retirement Issues. If you do advocate on behalf of yourself and the FACC, you must not use college resources in anyway to do it. Be polite and knowledgeable. Remember, you are an ambassador for your college and the FACC in this role.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE NEWS YOU CAN USE

State Budget

The House and the Senate both passed appropriations bills last week. They are about \$1.4B apart. The Senate budget proposed is \$68,629,480,943 and includes approximately \$800M in federal Medicaid enhancement funds and \$400M from the Seminole Gaming Compact. The House budget comes in at \$67,212,500,000 and does not include aforementioned funds. The differences between the budgets will be negotiated during budget conferences between the two chambers.

College Funding

Appropriations bills and the related conforming bills will be ready for floor vote this week. The Senate Appropriations bill increases funding to the Florida College System by and the House Appropriations bill decreases funding a bit. Both bills include authority for tuition hikes up to 8%. Overall, the Senate and the House are about \$100M apart in college funding.

The table below will provide you information on all priority bills being tracked by your FACC legislative team. The bill numbers are hyperlinked for your review.

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary	Actions
SB1786	Relating to Higher Education	Oelrich	Higher Education [SPSC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to higher education. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	4/2/2010 SENATE Removed from the Higher Education meeting agenda, re-scheduled 04/07/10, 2:00 pm
SB2442	Relating to State University System	Lynn	State University System [SPSC]; Revises the powers and duties of the Board of Governors relating to accountability. Requires that the board align the missions of each constituent university. Authorizes the board and the Legislature to assign specific projects, missions, exemptions, and other responsibilities to institutions that are nationally recognized and ranked and that have a global perspective and impact, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	4/1/2010 SENATE On Committee agenda - Higher Education Appropriations, 04/06/10, 3:15 pm, 117 K

HB0245	Relating to Community Colleges	Bernard	Community Colleges: Renames specified community colleges. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	2/17/2010 HOUSE Placed on calendar, on second reading
SB0436	Relating to Community Colleges/Palm Beach/Seminole	Baker	Community Colleges/Palm Beach/Seminole [SPSC]; Amends a specified provision relating to educational institutes. Conforms provisions. Renames Palm Beach Community College and Seminole Community College as "Palm Beach State College" and "Seminole State College of Florida," respectively. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.	3/31/2010 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/06/10
HB1243	Relating to Determination of Resident Status for Tuition Purposes	Tobia	Determination of Resident Status for Tuition Purposes: Conforms terms to match official names of Florida's higher education systems; revises residency requirement for certain dependent children; provides requirements for recognition of classification of student as resident for tuition purposes by institution of higher education to which student transfers. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	3/26/2010 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
SB2398	Relating to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes	Ring	Resident Status for Tuition Purposes [SPSC]; Revises residency requirements for certain dependent children. Revises requirements relating to proof of employment in the state. Provides for classification as residents for tuition purposes of certain individuals who have attended a Florida public high school and individuals who receive certain tuition exemptions or waivers, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	4/1/2010 SENATE On Committee agenda - Higher Education, 04/07/10, 2:00 pm, 301 S
SB0208	Relating to Community College Student Fees/Transportation	Oelrich	Community College Student Fees/Transportation [SPSC]; Authorizes community college boards of trustees to establish a transportation access fee. Limits the amount of the fee. Provides a timeframe for a fee increase and implementation of an increase. Prohibits the inclusion of the fee in calculating the amount a student receives under Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	3/16/2010 SENATE Retained on Calendar
SB0255	Relating to Community College Student Fees	Chestnut	Community College Student Fees: Authorizes community college boards of trustees to establish transportation access fee; limits amount of fee; provides timeframe for fee increase & implementation of increase; prohibits inclusion of fee in calculating amount student receives under Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	3/31/2010 SENATE In Messages
SB1148	Relating to Postsecondary Student Fees	Rich	Postsecondary Student Fees [SPSC]; Clarifies an exemption from fee requirements provided for a student who is or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age in the custody of a relative under the Relative Caregiver Program or who was adopted from the DCFS after a specified date. Provides that the exemption remains valid for 4 years after the date of graduation from high school, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	3/8/2010 SENATE Now in Higher Education

HB1363	Relating to Postsecondary Student Fees	Glorioso	Postsecondary Student Fees: Clarifies exemption from fee requirements provided for student who is or was at time he or she reached 18 years of age in custody of relative under Relative Caregiver Program or who was adopted from DCFS after specified date; provides that certain exemptions include fees associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction; deletes exemption associated with completion of college-level communication & computation skills testing program; provides that exemptions remain valid for specified time. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	3/29/2010 HOUSE Reference to State Universities & Private Colleges Appropriations Committee removed; Remaining reference: Education Policy Council
HB0685	Relating to First Generation Matching Grant Program	Nehr	First Generation Matching Grant Program: Authorizes certain independent colleges & universities to participate in program; requires institutions to raise specified funds before Office of Student Financial Assistance may reserve proportionate allocation for institutions; provides for allocation of state matching funds beginning with 2011-2012 fiscal year. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	1/28/2010 HOUSE Now in State Universities & Private Colleges Policy Committee
SB1046	Relating to First Generation Matching Grant Program	Thrasher	First Generation Matching Grant Program [SPSC]; Authorizes certain independent colleges and universities to participate in the program. Requires the institutions to raise specified funds before the Office of Student Financial Assistance may reserve a proportionate allocation for the institutions. Provides for implementation. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	1/21/2010 SENATE Referred to Higher Education; Higher Education Appropriations
HB0667	Relating to Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program	Tobia	Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program: Requires student to reimburse educational institution for award amounts received for certain courses dropped by student or courses from which student has withdrawn; requires reimbursements to be refunded to DOE; requires institution to notify DOE & student of amount due within specified period. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	1/28/2010 HOUSE Referred to State Universities & Private Colleges Appropriations Committee; State Universities & Private Colleges Policy Committee; Education Policy Council
SB1966	Relating to Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program	Baker	Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program [WPSC]; Requires a student to reimburse the educational institution for award amounts received for certain courses dropped by the student or courses from which the student has withdrawn. Requires reimbursements to be refunded to the Department of Education. Requires an institution to notify the department and student of the amount due within a specified period. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Higher Education; Higher Education Appropriations

HB0531	Relating to Fire safety	Weinstein	<p>Fire safety: Abolishes special state fire safety inspector classifications & certifications; provides for special state fire safety inspectors to be certified as fire safety inspectors; authorizes State Fire Marshal to develop advanced training & certification program for specified fire safety inspectors; requires State Fire Marshal & Florida Building Code Administrators & Inspectors Board to enter into reciprocity agreement to recognize continuing education recertification hours for specified purposes; revises procedures & requirements for standards & inspection of educational property; provides for inspections of charter schools; revises fire safety inspection requirements for school boards; revises code enforcement authority of school boards; requires school boards to submit facility site plans to local governmental entities for review; authorizes such entities to review site plans for compliance with Florida Fire Prevention Code; specifies that site plans are not subject to local ordinances or local amendments to Florida Fire Prevention Code; provides criteria for approving site plans & correcting fire safety compliance deficiencies; authorizes school boards to use specified fire safety inspectors for compliance reviews; imposes additional requirements for school boards relating to construction, renovation, or remodeling of educational facilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2010</p>	1/15/2010 HOUSE Now in Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee
HB0663	Relating to Building Safety	Aubuchon	<p>Building Safety: Revises provisions of law relating to elevator safety, home inspection services, & building code inspections & enforcement; provides for effect of expired, lapsed, nonrenewed, or revoked building permit; revises Florida Building Commission authority; exempts specified structures from Florida Building Code requirements; revises specified Florida Building Code provisions relating to air conditioning systems & classroom lighting; revises provisions relating to inspection services, product evaluation & approval system, & roof & opening protections for exposed mechanical equipment or appliances; revises requirements for carbon monoxide alarms & pool pump motors; revises provisions relating to authority of State Fire Marshal; provides for establishment of Fire Code Interpretation Committee; revises provisions relating to nonbinding interpretations of Florida Fire Prevention Code; revises provisions relating to training & recertifying building code inspectors, plan inspectors, building code administrators, & fire safety inspectors; authorizes alternative inspection procedures for fire hydrants; revises terms of Fire Code Advisory Council members; repeals provisions relating to requirements for 5-year inspections of condominium improvements. Effective Date: July 1, 2010</p>	3/31/2010 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)

SB1074	Relating to Fire safety	Wise	Fire safety [CPSC]; Revises the rulemaking authority and responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal relating to educational and ancillary plants. Requires the State Fire Marshal and the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board to enter into a reciprocity agreement to recognize certain continuing education recertification hours for certain purposes, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	3/17/2010 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
SB1902	Relating to Public Retirement Plans	Bennett	Public Retirement Plans [WPSC]; Requires that a retirement system or plan include in its actuarial report a projection of the employer's annual required contributions and an experience study. Limits the benefits payable to a member of a retirement system or plan who has not attained 10 years of service by a certain date. Revises the calculations used for upgrading a special risk member's contributions for past service, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	4/1/2010 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 04/07/10, 8:00 am, 412 K
SB2022	Relating to Florida Retirement System	Alexander	Florida Retirement System [WPSC]; Deletes a provision ensuring certain rights of members of the system. Provides for employee and employer contributions. Provides that the rights of members are of a contractual nature. Requires employee and employer contributions to the retirement system effective January 1, 2011. Limits the payment of benefits prior to a participant's termination of employment, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$445,125. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	3/31/2010 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (733442); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 26 Yeas / 7 Nays)
HB5607	Relating to Retirement	Government Operations Appropriations Committee	Retirement: Revises payroll contribution rates for membership classes of FRS for state fiscal years effective July 1, 2010, & July 1, 2011; deletes provision providing for recognition & usage of current available excess assets of FRS Trust Fund to offset employer contribution rates for FRS; requires state actuary to consider additional factors when conducting annual actuarial study of FRS; specifies factors to be considered; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	4/1/2010 SENATE In Messages

HB5701	Relating to Health Insurance Subsidies	Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development	Health Insurance Subsidies: Revises provisions relating to health insurance subsidies; provides for elimination of retiree health insurance subsidies to certain new retirees or beneficiaries; provides for future repeal of certain retiree health insurance subsidies; revises employer contribution requirements; provides for future repeal of required employer contributions on behalf of specified members; provides for transfer of contributions for members in State University Optional Retirement Program to FRS Trust Fund; repeals provision relating to Public Employee Optional Retirement Program retiree health insurance subsidy; revises provisions relating to contributions for Social Security & retiree health insurance subsidy. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	4/1/2010 SENATE In Messages
HB5703	Relating to Retirement	Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development	Retirement: Revises definition of term "statement value"; provides limitations for total contributions made to certain retirement systems or plans; prohibits certain retirement systems or plans from amortizing their unfunded liabilities over specified period; limits amortization bases created in specified future plan years; provides disclosure requirements; requires employers to make specified retirement contributions on behalf of certain employees, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	4/1/2010 SENATE In Messages
SB0228	Relating to Charter Technical Career Centers	Wise	Charter Technical Career Centers [SPSC]; Creates the Charter Technical Career Center Associate in Applied Science and Associate in Science Degrees Program. Authorizes charter technical career centers to offer such degree programs through partnerships with community colleges or direct authority. Prohibits a center from requesting funding for the initial costs associated with implementing the degree programs for a specified amount of time after receiving authorization, etc EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	3/26/2010 SENATE Pending withdrawal
SB0353	Relating to Charter Technical Career Centers	Patterson	Charter Technical Career Centers: Creates Charter Technical Career Center Associate in Applied Science & Associate in Science Degrees Program; authorizes charter technical career centers to submit proposals to State Board of Education to offer specified degree programs; authorizes centers to offer degree programs through partnerships with community colleges or direct authority; provides requirements for funding & implementation. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	12/10/2009 HOUSE Now in State Universities & Private Colleges Policy Committee

HB1337	Relating to Nursing	Grimsley	<p>Nursing: Revises requirements for graduation from certain nursing education program for license applicants seeking to take licensing examination; revises restrictions on nursing graduates who may use certain titles & abbreviations; revises requirements for approval of nursing education programs by BON, including application requirements & procedures for review & approval or denial of applications; revises requirements for submission of annual reports by approved programs; revises requirements for information published on BON's website; revises accountability requirements for approved program's graduate passage rates on certain licensing examination; revises procedures for placing programs on & removing programs from probationary status; requires termination of programs; requires certain representatives of programs that fail to submit annual reports to appear before BON; requires DOH to disclose certain confidential information about program's graduates to program director; requires program director to maintain confidentiality; revises requirements for closure of programs; revises BON's authority to adopt rules; provides requirements for accredited program that ceases to be accredited; exempts accredited programs from specified requirements; revises requirements for Florida Center for Nursing's evaluation of BON's implementation of certain accountability provisions.</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2010</p>	3/31/2010 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council
SB2530	Relating to Nursing	Alexander	<p>Nursing [SPSC]; Authorizes the disclosure of certain confidential information required of nursing license applicants to certain persons. Revises requirements for graduation from certain nursing education programs for nursing license applicants seeking to take the licensing examination. Revises restrictions on nursing graduates who may use certain titles and abbreviations. Revises requirements for the approval of nursing education programs, etc.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.</p>	4/1/2010 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 04/06/10, 1:00 pm, 110 S
HB0723	Relating to Postsecondary Education Fee Waivers	Sachs	<p>Postsecondary Education Fee Waivers: Authorizes state universities & community colleges to waive tuition & fees for certain public school classroom teachers for undergraduate courses approved by DOE.</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2010</p>	3/26/2010 HOUSE Now in Education Policy Council
SB2102	Relating to Postsecondary Education Fee Waivers	Wise	<p>Postsecondary Education Fee Waivers [SPSC]; Authorizes state universities and community colleges to waive tuition and fees for public school instructional personnel for certain courses. Defines public school instructional personnel. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.</p>	4/1/2010 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 04/06/10, 1:00 pm, 301 S

HB1161	Relating to Preference to Florida Businesses in Procurement of Personal Property and Services	Bogdanoff	Preference to Florida Businesses in Procurement of Personal Property and Services: Designates act "Buy Florida Act"; requires, rather than authorizes, agency, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of state that is required to make purchases of personal property through competitive solicitation to award preference to lowest responsible & responsive vendor having principal place of business within this state under specified circumstances; requires agency to grant specified preference to vendor located within state when awarding contract for printing under certain circumstances; specifies percentages of preference to be granted; provides nonapplicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	3/1/2010 HOUSE Referred to Governmental Affairs Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council
SB2302	Relating to Preference to Florida Businesses/Procurement	Altman	Preference to Florida Businesses/Procurement [WPSC]; Cites act as the "Buy Florida Act". Requires, rather than authorizes, an agency, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state that is required to make purchases of personal property through competitive solicitation to award a preference to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor having a principal place of business within this state under specified circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; General Government Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
HB0175	Relating to Public Broadcasting Program System	Rogers	Public Broadcasting Program System: Includes certain television stations licensed by FCC for which support & funding may be given. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	11/2/2009 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council
SB0472	Relating to Nondenominational Television Stations/PBPS	Sobel	Nondenominational Television Stations/PBPS [SPSC]; Includes certain television stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission for which support and funding may be given. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

HB0355	Relating to Public Safety Telecommunicators	Roberson (K)	Public Safety Telecommunicators: Includes dispatching as function of E911 service; includes fees for certification & recertification collected by DOH in authorized expenditures for E911 services; revises applicability of disciplinary actions & penalties; redefines "emergency dispatcher" as "public safety telecommunicator"; provides requirements for training & certification of public safety telecommunicators, including fees; requires DOH to establish procedure for approval of public safety telecommunication training programs; provides for temporary waiver of certification requirements in area of state for which Governor has declared state of emergency; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	3/31/2010 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Committee
SB0742	Relating to Public Safety Telecommunicators/E911	Detert	Public Safety Telecommunicators/E911 [SPSC]; Includes dispatching as a function of E911 service. Includes fees for certification and recertification collected by the DOH in authorized expenditures for E911 services. Provides requirements for training and certification of a public safety telecommunicator, including fees. Provides for temporary waiver of certification requirements in an area of the state for which the Governor has declared a state of emergency, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	4/1/2010 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health and Human Services Appropriations, 04/06/10, 3:15 pm, 110 S
HB1409	Relating to Talent and Economic Advancement Matching Grant Program	Dorworth	Talent and Economic Advancement Matching Grant Program: Establishes Talent & Economic Advancement Matching Grant Program; provides for program administration by DOE; authorizes businesses to partner with eligible institutions to provide grants to students to enroll in educational programs; authorizes DOE to match private contributions; requires participating institutions to certify to DOE contributions received by businesses for grant purposes; requires DOE to allocate contributions to eligible institutions; provides requirements for unallocated funds; provides duties of CFO; provides match criteria, eligibility criteria for grant recipients, & criteria for award amounts; provides certification requirements for participating institutions; requires return of undisbursed amounts to Office of Student Financial Assistance; provides reporting requirements for participating institutions; specifies institution participation ineligibility criteria. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	3/17/2010 HOUSE Now in State Universities & Private Colleges Appropriations Committee

SB1960	Relating to Talent & Economic Advancement Matching Grant Prog.	Bennett	Talent & Economic Advancement Matching Grant Prog. [SPSC]; Establishes the Talent and Economic Advancement Matching Grant Program within the DOE for certain purposes. Provides for administration of the program by the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Authorizes businesses to identify certain talent needs and partner with certain schools to provide certain educational programs. Authorizes the state to appropriate moneys to match certain unmatched expenditures, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Higher Education; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
SB2622	Relating to Regulation of State Lands & Oil and Gas Resources	Haridopolos	Regulation of State Lands & Oil and Gas Resources [EPSC]; Provides for the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to accept and award bids for oil and gas leases on submerged lands underlying the territorial waters of the state. Provides for easements over sovereign submerged lands for the construction, installation, and maintenance of structures relating to the production of oil, gas, or other petroleum products, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.	3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
HB5709	Relating to Joint Legislative Organizations	Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development	Joint Legislative Organizations: Consolidates joint legislative functions; provides for Legislative Accountability Office, to assume certain duties & obligations of Auditor General & OPPAGA; revises duties of JAPC, Legislative Auditing Committee, & EDR; repeals provisions relating to Auditor General, OPPAGA, JAPC, LCIR, Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight, Florida Government Accountability Act, interstate cooperation, Florida Legislative Law Revision Council, review of information technology resources needs & special monitoring process for designated information resources management projects, Legislative Commission on Migrant & Seasonal Labor, & CEPRI; requests Division of Statutory Revision to make conforming changes to Florida Statutes. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	4/1/2010 SENATE In Messages
SB7021	Relating to Government-Sponsored Health Insurance	Governmental Affairs Policy Committee	Government-Sponsored Health Insurance: Repeals Florida Employee Long-Term-Care Plan Act & provisions relating to health insurance for retirees under FRS, authority of DMS to initiate & supervise group insurance program for active members of FHP Auxiliary, & participation by correctional work programs nonprofit corporation in state group health insurance & prescription drug programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2010	3/23/2010 SENATE In Messages