

Filed Legislation (March 15, 2021)

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary
Business Matters			
HB 7	Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19	McClure	Provides requirements for civil action based on COVID-19-related claim; provides that plaintiff has burden of proof in such action; provides statute of limitations; provides retroactive applicability. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
SB 72	Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19	Brandes	Providing requirements for a civil action based on a COVID-19-related claim; providing that the plaintiff has the burden of proof in such action; providing a statute of limitations; providing severability; providing retroactive applicability, etc. Effective Date: This act shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall apply retroactively. However, the provisions of this act shall not apply in a civil action against a particularly named defendant which is commenced before the effective date of this act
HB 0335	Medical Marijuana Public Employee Protection	Duran	Medical Marijuana Public Employee Protection: Prohibits employers from taking adverse personnel action against employees or applicants who are qualified patients using medical marijuana; requires employers to provide written notice of employee or applicant's right to explain positive test result for marijuana; provides procedures for if employee or applicant tests positive for marijuana; provides cause of action & damages. Effective Date: upon becoming a law.
SB 505	Transparency in Government Spending	Garcia	Transparency in Government Spending; Requiring that a website maintained by the Department of Management Services include specified data on salary and benefits of executives, managerial personnel, and board members of certain organizations or entities receiving state funds, by a specified date; requiring such organizations and entities to provide salary and benefit data to the department on an annual basis; requiring any such organization or entity to post salary and benefit data on the organization's or entity's own website, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 0573	Fiduciary Duty of Care for Appointed Public Officials and Executive Officers	Beltran	Fiduciary Duty of Care for Appointed Public Officials and Executive Officers: Provides fiduciary duties of public officials & executive officers; requires board governance training for public officials & executive officers; provides which entities may be training providers; provides minimum board governance training requirements; provides certain governmental entities may offer required training through in-house counsel; requires appointed public officials & executive officers to certify completion of required training; provides training certification is admissible in civil actions; provides standards for legal counsel & lobbyists employed by governmental entity. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0758	Fiduciary Duty of Care for Appointed Public Officials and Executive Officers	Diaz	Providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision to create part IX of ch. 112, F.S.; establishing standards for the fiduciary duty of care for appointed public officials and executive officers of specified governmental entities; requiring training on board governance beginning on a specified date; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to contract for or approve a training program or publish a list of approved training providers; requiring appointed public officials and executive officers to certify their completion of the annual training, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

SB 7016	Florida Retirement System Investment Plan	PCB	Florida Retirement System Investment Plan; Specifying conditions under which the State Board of Administration may not pay retirement benefits to a Florida Retirement System member; authorizing the State Board of Administration to develop investment products to be offered in the investment plan; modifying procedures governing an investment plan member's designation of a beneficiary other than the member's spouse, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 0084	Retirement	Rodrigues, R.	Retirement; Providing for compulsory membership in the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan for employees initially enrolled on or after a specified date; modifying provisions governing participation in the investment plan for individuals who are eligible to participate in the State University System Optional Retirement Program to conform to changes made by the act; modifying provisions governing the administration of the investment plan to reflect compulsory membership for specified employees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 1870	Florida Retirement System	Ausley	Providing for compulsory membership in the Florida Retirement System for certain governing bodies established on or after a specified date; requiring certain benefits be paid to a beneficiary who does not qualify as a joint annuitant; authorizing eligible employees an additional opportunity to transfer from the investment plan to the pension plan within a specified timeframe; authorizing pension plan members to contribute amounts in addition to the required member rate to the Florida Retirement System for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1403	Florida Retirement System	Willhite	Florida Retirement System: Provides for compulsory membership in Florida Retirement System for certain governing bodies initially enrolled on or after specified date; requires certain benefits be paid to beneficiary who does not qualify as joint annuitant; authorizes eligible employees one opportunity to transfer between investment plan to pension plan within specified time; authorizes members to contribute more to Florida Retirement System for specified purpose. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1632	Florida Retirement System	Ausley	Revising the definition of the term "continuous service" for purposes of the Florida Retirement System; revising an exception to the employment after retirement limitations for retired law enforcement officers who are reemployed with a covered employer, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 0847	Florida Postsecondary Academic Services Library Network	Byrd	Deletes provisions for Florida Academic Services Library Services Cooperative and Complete Florida Plus Program; revises provisions for statewide Internet-based catalog & online student advising services; provides duties for the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1436	Florida Postsecondary Academic Services Library Network	Gruters	Revising provisions relating to the awareness of certain postsecondary education programs and initiatives; deleting provisions relating to the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative; providing that the Board of Governors and the Department of Education will oversee a host entity chosen to deliver certain services; transferring responsibility for certain statewide online student advising services to the host entity; requiring the chancellors of the State University System and the Florida College System to provide a certain report, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021

SB 1110	Relations Between Postsecondary Institutions and Communist Regimes	Diaz	Relations Between Postsecondary Institutions and Communist Regimes; Removing the Florida-China Institute from the list of authorized Florida linkage institutes; prohibiting the creation or funding of linkage institutes based on agreements between the Board of Governors or the State Board of Education and a counterpart organization in a country governed by a communist regime; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to withdraw from such agreements by a specified date; prohibiting certain postsecondary institutions from entering into specified agreements with a communist regime, or an entity that is organized and exists under the laws of a country governed by a communist regime, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1047	Relations Between Postsecondary Institutions and Communist Regimes	Fabricio	Removes Florida-China Institute as linkage institute; prohibits certain relations between postsecondary institutions & specified entities within foreign countries governed by communist regimes, including linkage institutes, agreements, & programs of study. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 2010	Foreign Influence	Diaz	Foreign Influence; Requiring any state agency or political subdivision to disclose certain gifts or grants received from any foreign source to the Department of Financial Services within a specified timeframe; requiring any entity that applies for a certain grant or proposes a certain contract to disclose to a state agency or political subdivision any current or prior interest of, contract with, or grant or gift received from a foreign country of concern under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Management Services to screen certain vendors periodically; requiring the Department of Financial Services to establish and maintain an Internet website to publish the disclosures, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1129	Sovereign Immunity	Fernandez-Barquin	Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions from \$200K to \$500K and \$300K to \$1M; requires that limitations on tort liability be adjusted every year by CPI after specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1678	Sovereign Immunity	Diaz	Increasing the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state and its agencies and subdivisions from \$200K to \$500K and \$300K to \$1M; specifying that the limitations in effect on the date a final judgment is entered apply to that claim; requiring that the limitations on tort liability be adjusted every year after a specified date; revising sovereign immunity applicability relating to certain hospitals and employees and agents of such hospitals, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 1900	Cybersecurity	Boyd	Requiring certain audit plans of an inspector general to include certain information; revising provisions to replace references to information technology security and computer security with references to cybersecurity; providing that certain employees shall be assigned to selected exempt service; creating the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council within the Department of Management Services, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 1297	Cybersecurity	Byrd, Giallombardo	Requires audit plans of inspector general to include certain information; revises provisions to replace references to IT & computer security with references to cybersecurity; provides & revises requirements for DMS, acting through Florida Digital Service; creates Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council within DMS; providing purpose of council. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 1137	Information Technology Procurement	Fabricio	Requires DMS to establish project management & oversight standards for state agency compliance & perform project oversight on IT projects; requires department to issue request for quotes to vendors approved to provide commodities or services; requires DMS to prequalify firms & individuals to provide services on state term contract. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

SB 1448	Information Technology Procurement	Jones	Information Technology Procurement; Requiring the Department of Management Services, through the Florida Digital Service, to establish certain project management and oversight standards for state agency compliance; requiring the department to perform project oversight on information technology projects that have total project costs of a certain amount or more; authorizing the department to execute certain contracts if the Secretary of Management Services and the state chief information officer certify certain information in writing, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 1734	Recycling of Organic Waste Material	Cruz	Requiring certain commercial waste generators and certain institutions of higher education, beginning on specified dates and under certain circumstances, to ensure that their organic waste materials are separated and recycled at specified recycling facilities; providing an exception for commercial waste generators or institutions of higher education that perform composting of or treat organic waste material onsite, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1191	Agriculture and Nutrition	Tant	Creates & revises various DACS provisions relating to tax credits for farmers; food commodities purchased by state agencies, universities, & colleges; preference in purchasing agreements & contracts for food commodities; sponsor reimbursements for school breakfast meals; universal free school breakfast & lunch meals; Agricultural Surplus Purchase Program; Local Food Pantry Infrastructure Assistance Grant Program; Healthy Food Access Pilot Program; Produce Prescription Pilot Program; & study of access to affordable & nutritious food; authorizes DACS to contract with third-party vendors; provides appropriations. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1494	Public Meetings During Declared States of Emergency	Cruz	Providing for the suspension of certain statutory provisions during declared states of emergency for a specified timeframe; authorizing governing bodies to use communications media technology during declared states of emergency; providing that certain remote participation by a governing body member in a meeting constitutes that individual's presence at such meeting and counts toward a quorum during the declared state of emergency; requiring meetings conducted through communications media technology to function as if they are being conducted in person, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1217	Meetings of Political Subdivisions During Declared Emergencies	Daley	Authorizes political subdivisions to hold public meetings via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication during declared state of emergency; suspends certain quorum & physical presence requirements for specified period of time unless extended by executive order of Governor; provides notice requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 35	Legal Notices	Fine	Provides for website publication of legal notices; provides criteria for such publication; authorizes fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices; requires government agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices. Effective Date: July 1, 2022
Higher Education - K/12 Overlap			
SB 0128	Florida Talent Development Council	Bradley	Florida Talent Development Council; Requiring the council, by a specified date, to submit to specified entities a report that includes recommendations on the feasibility of establishing and implementing the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program or a similar program; providing requirements for the report, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 1279	Florida Talent Development Council	Melo	Requires council to submit to specified entities a report that includes recommendations on feasibility of establishing & implementing Pathways in Technology Early College High School program or similar program; provides requirements for report. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
HB 51	Charter Schools	McClain	Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools; revises reporting & accountability requirements & populations for which charter school is authorized to limit enrollment process; provides for funding; authorizes career & professional academy to be offered by charter school. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1028	Charter Schools	Hutson	Charter Schools; Authorizing state universities and Florida College System institutions to solicit applications and sponsor charter schools under certain circumstances; requiring the board of trustees of a state university or Florida College System institution that is sponsoring a charter school to serve as the local educational agency for such school; prohibiting certain charter school students from being included in specified school district grade calculations; authorizing a career and professional academy to be offered by a charter school, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 52	Postsecondary Education	Rodrigues (R)	Clarifying fee exemptions for the Department of Children and Families; establishing the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program; requiring students participating in dual enrollment programs to meet specified minimum eligibility requirements in order for institutions to receive reimbursements; authorizing university boards of trustees to implement a bonus scheme for state university system employees based on awards for work performance or employee recruitment and retention, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0281	Postsecondary Education Financial Matters	Duggan	Postsecondary Education Financial Matters: Establishes Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program; provides eligibility requirements for program; authorizes university boards of trustees to implement bonus scheme for state university system employees. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1042	Vocational Pathways	Brodner	Vocational Pathways; Deleting a delegation of rulemaking authority to the Department of Education; revising and expanding the department's duties with respect to apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; requiring the statewide articulation agreement to establish three mathematics pathways for students by aligning mathematics courses to programs, meta-majors, and careers; authorizing technical centers, Florida College System institutions, and state universities to enter into specified agreements; providing for calculation of full-time equivalent membership for a specified industry certification, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 791	Vocational Pathways	Harding	Workforce and Postsecondary Education: Revises and provides DOE rulemaking authority; requires uniform minimum requirements to be uniform across all occupations; revises & expands department's duties; provides requirements for State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; provides requirements for apprenticeship & preapprenticeship; removes provisions relating to on-the-job training programs; requires statewide articulation agreement to establish certain mathematics pathways for students; provides requirements for admissions counseling; revises requirements for admission to associate degree programs & dual enrollment; requires BOE to adopt certain rules; provides requirements for FCS institutions & Commissioner of Education; provides for appropriations. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
Higher Education - Technical Colleges Overlap			
HB 0135	School District Career Center Workforce Education Programs	Robinson (W)	School District Career Center Workforce Education Programs: Revises workforce education programs that school district career centers are authorized to conduct, including an associate of science in nursing program. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

SB 0532	Workforce Education	Burgess	Workforce Education; Revising the workforce education programs that school district career centers are authorized to conduct, etc, including an associate of science program in nursing. Effective Date: July 1, 2020
HB 0175	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs	Shoaf	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs: Revises requirements of DOE's annual report on apprenticeship & preapprenticeship programs; provides DOE's duties relating to apprenticeship programs; revises membership of State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; provides that parents of public school students be informed of workforce education opportunities. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0366	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Training	Hutson	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Training; Revising the general duties of the Department of Education with regard to apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; revising the membership of the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; providing that apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program sponsors are responsible for the selection and training of certain personnel, as approved by the department; encouraging state university boards of trustees and apprenticeship program sponsors to cooperate in developing and establishing apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs that include career instruction, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1505	Workforce Programs and Services	Melo	Requires DOE & DCF, in consultation with DEO, to implement automated consumer-first workforce system; requires DEO to develop training for specified partners; requires certain DOE standards & policies to include specified requirement for training providers; provides criteria for work-based learning opportunity; requires that certain resources be used in career & education planning courses & character development curriculum; provides requirements for certain student career service centers & courses for digital credential. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 1507	Workforce Related Programs and Services		Creates Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help; creates & revises provisions relating to workforce services including the Labor Market Estimating Conference, workforce opportunity portal, state board composition, Credentials Review Committee, state plan requirements, waivers, local workforce development boards. Establishes responsibility for Master Credentials List, CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, industry certifications, SEAS program, workforce development metrics, Florida Talent Development Council. Creates an approval process for "credentials of value." Creates an Open Door Grant Program (making career centers responsible for 2/3 of program cost if the student doesn't complete and does not find a job), preapprenticeship & apprenticeship program grants, & Money-back Guarantee Program (for four workforce programs which will provide a return of tuition/fees/program costs if not employed soon after completion). Requires SBOE approval for starting all workforce education programs regardless of whether a state framework already exists for both district/charter career centers [i.e. technical colleges] and FCS institutions. SBOE rules will be created for implementation of the same. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 98	Workforce Related Programs and Services	Albritton	Renaming the Workforce Estimating Conference as the Labor Market Estimating Conference; removing authority for a local board to review a decision by the department to deny a contract; requiring certain standards and policies established by the Department of Education to include a specified requirement for training providers; requiring that middle grades career and professional academies and career-themed courses lead to careers in occupations aligned with the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1033	Certificate of Completion	Borrero	Specifies students who have been awarded certificates of completion by school districts are eligible to enroll in certain career center programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1394	Certificate of Completion	Rodriguez (A)	Specifying that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in career center and charter technical career center programs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021

Student Matters			
SB 0258	Internship Tax Credit Program	Jones	Internship Tax Credit Program; Designating the "Florida Internship Tax Credit Program"; providing a corporate income tax credit for qualified businesses employing degree-seeking student interns if certain criteria are met; specifying the amount of the credit a qualified business may claim per student intern, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0531	Internship Tax Credit Program	Daley	Internship Tax Credit Program: Provides corporate income tax credit for qualified businesses that hire employees who have completed specified internships; specifies amount of tax credit; specifies limit on credit claimed per taxable year; authorizes DOR to adopt rules; authorizes qualified business to carry forward unused credit for specified period. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB99	Use of Epinephrine Auto-injectors on Public K-20 Campuses	Gottlieb	Use of Epinephrine Auto-injectors on Public K-20 Campuses: Provides that state universities & FCS institutions are considered authorized entities for specified purposes relating to emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors; requires, rather than authorizes, public schools to purchase or acquire supply of epinephrine auto-injectors for specified purposes; requires such epinephrine auto-injectors be maintained in specified location; requires state universities & FCS institutions to purchase or acquire supply of epinephrine auto-injectors for specified purposes; provides requirements for such supplies of epinephrine auto-injectors; requires state universities & FCS institutions to develop specified protocols; provides liability for use of such epinephrine auto-injectors. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB507	Education	Rizo	Education: Revises provisions relating to DOE powers & duties, the statewide assessment program, and postsecondary civics education. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1108	Education	Diaz	Education; Authorizing the Department of Education to hold patents, copyrights, trademarks, and service marks; requiring certain students to take a specified assessment relating to civic literacy; requiring certain postsecondary students to complete a civic literacy course and pass a specified assessment to demonstrate competency in civic literacy; requiring school districts to provide the SAT or ACT to grade 11 students beginning in a specified school year; revising the tests that are included under test administration and security rules, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1475	Sex-specific Athletic Teams or Sports	Tuck	Sex-specific Student Athletic Teams or Sports: Requires that certain athletic teams or sports sponsored by certain educational institutions be designated on basis of students' biological sex; prohibits athletic teams or sports designated for female students to be open to male students; requires that student's school or institution, as applicable, resolve disputes regarding student's sex; requires State Board of Education to adopt certain rules; provides for civil remedies & damages; provides statute of limitation. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 2012	Promoting Equality of Athletic Opportunity	Stargel	Citing this section as the "Promoting Equality of Athletic Opportunity Act"; requiring that certain athletic teams or sports sponsored by certain educational institutions be designated on the basis of students' biological sex; prohibiting athletic teams or sports designated for female students from being open to male students; specifying conditions under which persons who transition from male to female are eligible to compete in the female category; requiring a student that fails to comply with certain conditions to be suspended from female competition for 12 months; requiring the Board of Governors of the State University System to adopt regulations and the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding the resolution of disputes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
Student Financial and Financial Aid Matters			
HB 0845	Public Financing of Construction Projects	Rodriguez/Aloupis	Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas after a specified date without first taking certain steps regarding a sea level impact projection study; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies; requiring the department to enforce certain requirements and to adopt rules, etc.

SB 1672	State University Free Seat Program	Diaz	Creating the State University Free Seat Program; providing an exemption from tuition and fees, including lab fees, for one online course at a state university for certain resident students; prohibiting a state university from charging such students more than a specified percentage of the tuition rate and the tuition differential under certain circumstances; providing a limitation on the application of such tuition discount, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1202	Fee Waivers	Polsky	Fee Waivers; Authorizing each Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, and charter technical career center to waive out-of-state fees for students living in a recovery residence; prohibiting tuition and fees charged to a student who is granted the waiver from exceeding the tuition and fees charged to a resident student; requiring each Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, and charter technical career center to report to the State Board of Education the number and value of all such waivers granted annually; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 6037	Postsecondary Out-of-State Fee Waivers	Fine; Roach	Postsecondary Out-of-State Fee Waivers: Deletes provisions relating to waiver of out-of-state fees for undocumented students. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 923	Student Eligibility for Financial Assistance	Woodson	Student Eligibility for Financial Assistance: Removes requirement that certain students be ineligible for state financial aid; provides that certain individuals may not be denied classification as residents for purposes of receiving state financial aid awards based on immigration status if certain criteria are met. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0347	Postsecondary Graduation Achievement Housing Scholarship Program	Woodson	Postsecondary Graduation Achievement Housing Scholarship Program: Establishes Postsecondary Graduation Achievement Housing Scholarship Program; provides requirements & funding. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1406	Postsecondary Graduation Achievement Housing Scholarship Program	Jones	Establishing the Postsecondary Graduation Achievement Housing Scholarship Program; requiring the Department of Education to administer the program; providing for funding; authorizing scholarships to be prorated under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the use of scholarship funds; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 503	Sunshine Scholarship Program	Robinson, F.	Sunshine Scholarship Program: Establishes Sunshine Scholarship Program for specified purposes; requires DOE to administer program; provides requirements for program. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0888	Sunshine Scholarship Program	Jones	Sunshine Scholarship Program; Establishing the Sunshine Scholarship Program for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Education to administer the program; requiring certain financial aid to be credited to a student's tuition and fees before award of a Sunshine Scholarship; requiring a student who receives a program scholarship and completes his or her program of study or disenrolls from an eligible postsecondary institution to reside and work within this state for a certain period of time unless a specified exception applies, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 0782	Educational Opportunities for Veterans	Cruz	Providing that disabled veterans receiving certain federal educational assistance benefits are eligible to receive an award for the remaining cost of tuition and fees at state universities and Florida College System institutions; specifying applicability of other laws, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1347	Educational Opportunities for Disabled Veterans	Morales	Provides that disabled veterans receiving certain federal educational assistance benefits are eligible to receive award for remaining cost of tuition & fees at state universities & Florida College System institutions. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

HB 0671	Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program - 2021	McClure	Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program: Removes provision prohibiting student from being eligible for initial award from any of scholarships under Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program if student was found guilty of, or entered plea of nolo contendere to, felony charge, unless student had been granted clemency. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0747	Resident Status for Tuition Purposes for Persons Serving Outside the State	Harding, MacFarland	Resident Status for Tuition Purposes for Persons Serving Outside the State: Prohibits loss of resident status based on certain service outside the state, including, among others, parental military service. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
SB 1714	Residency Status for Tuition Purposes	Harrell	Residency Status for Tuition Purposes; Expanding the list of persons who may not lose resident status for tuition purposes, etc, including, among others, parental military service. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 1484	Florida Private Student Assistant Grant Program	Gruters	Expands eligibility for the program to full-time degree-seeking students accepted at a competency-based nonprofit virtual postsecondary institution that that is accredited by a member of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions and is created by the governors of several states, has established and continually maintains a location of operation in this state, and maintains a governing body or advisory board in this state. Effective July 1, 2021.
HB 1423	Florida Private Student Assistant Grant Program	Tuck	Expanding eligibility for Florida private student assistance grant to include full-time degree-seeking students accepted at a competency-based nonprofit virtual postsecondary institution that meets specified criteria. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1762	Florida Postsecondary Student Assistant Grant Program	Grueters	Expanding grant eligibility to certificate-seeking students; expanding the postsecondary institution list for grant-eligible students to include institutions licensed by the Commission for Independent Education which prepare students to obtain Airframe and Powerplant certification from the Federal Aviation Administration, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 1798	Higher Education	Perry	Higher Education; Requiring a state university to waive the tuition and fees for certain courses in which certain resident students are enrolled; prohibiting the reporting of tuition and fees waived for state funding purposes; providing that a state university is ineligible for a specified performance-based incentive for failure to comply, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 1261	Higher Education	Toledo	Higher Education: Requires state university to waive tuition & fees for certain courses in areas of strategic emphasis as identified by the BOG; provides specified criteria for such waiver; provides applicability; prohibits reporting of tuition & fees waived for state funding purposes; requires state university to report certain information regarding such waiver to BOG annually; provides state university is ineligible for specified performance-based incentive for failure to comply; requires BOG to adopt regulations. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 1273	Out-of-state Fee Waiver for Nonresident Students	Maney	Out-of-state Fee Waiver for Nonresident Students: Requires state university to waive out-of-state fee for nonresident student who meets certain requirements, including having a grandparent that is a legal resident; provides applicability; requires each state university to report specified information regarding such out-of-state fee waiver to BOG annually; requires that student who is granted such waiver be excluded from limitation on systemwide total enrollment of nonresident students; requires BOG to adopt regulations. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1728	Out-of-state Fee Waiver for Nonresident Students	Baxley	Out-of-state Fee Waiver for Nonresident Students; Requiring a state university to waive the out-of-state fee for a nonresident student who meets certain requirements, including having a grandparent who is a legal resident; requiring each state university to report specified information regarding such out-of-state fee waivers to the Board of Governors annually; requiring that a student who is granted such out-of-state fee waiver be excluded from the limitation on the systemwide total enrollment of nonresident students; requiring the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021

SB 86	Student Financial Aid	Baxley	Requiring that eligibility for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants be reevaluated each term and identify students' program of study; revising the formula for calculating how Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program funds are distributed; authorizing a Bright Futures Scholarship recipient to apply the unused portion of a Florida Academic Scholars award or Florida Medallion Scholars award toward graduate study for a specified academic year; establishing the Florida Bright Opportunities Grant Program (provides gap funding for tuition and fees and books stipend for Pell eligible students at district or charter school career centers and FCS institutions); establishing the Florida Endeavor Scholarship Program (establishes grant program for students without a high school credential at district or charter school career centers and FCS institutions). Effective Date: 7/1/2021
Public Meetings and Public Records			
SB 0220	Public Records and Public Meetings	Brandes	Public Records and Public Meetings; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for any personal identifying information of an applicant for president of a state university or a Florida College System institution; specifying that personal identifying information of applicants who are in the final group of applicants is no longer confidential and exempt at a time certain; specifying that certain meetings are not exempt from public meeting requirements; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 997	Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Postsecondary Education Executive Search	Garrison	Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of applicant for president of state university or FCS institution; provides exemption from public meeting requirements for meeting held for specified purposes relating to postsecondary executive search; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
HB 0311	Public Records/Assessment Instruments	Silvers	Public Records/Assessment Instruments: Expands examination & assessment instruments which are confidential & exempt from public record requirements; provides for future review & repeal of the exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
Miscellaneous			
HB 0233	Intellectual Freedom in Postsecondary Education	Roach	Intellectual Freedom in Postsecondary Education: Requires SBE & BOG to require each Florida College System institution & state university to conduct annual assessment related to intellectual freedom & viewpoint diversity; provides requirements for such assessments; prohibits SBE & BOG from shielding students from certain speech; allows recording certain audio & video in classrooms at public postsecondary institutions. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0264	Higher Education	Rodrigues (R)	Higher Education; requiring the State Board of Education to require each Florida College System institution to conduct an annual assessment related to intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity at that institution; prohibiting the State Board of Education from shielding Florida College System institution students from certain speech; requiring the Board of Governors to require each state university to conduct an annual assessment related to intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity at that July 1, 2021
HB 6001	Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms		Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms: Removes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

SB 1296	Nursing Programs	Brodeur	Defining the terms “average graduate passage rate” and “test takers”; revising requirements for an annual report submitted by approved nursing programs; revising specified information that the Board of Nursing must publish on its website; revising graduate passage rate requirements for approved nursing programs; requiring nursing programs to offer remediation programs to students who fail to pass a certain examination on their first attempt; prohibiting the board from considering average graduate passage rates from the 2020 and 2021 calendar years when making certain determinations, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
HB 937	Reports of Approved Nursing Education Programs	Stevenson	Revises requirements for approved programs; requires approved program to report to Board of Nursing specified information; requires board to prepare report based on such information & provide such report to each approved program; prohibits certain information from being used in determining adverse action against approved program; provides for retroactive application. Effective Date: July 1, 2021