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Budget Update – See Summary Budget Side-by-Side Below:

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	Current Year Budget	Governor's Recommended Budget	House HB 5001 As Introduced February 1, 2018	Senate SB 2500 First Engrossed February 7, 2018	Comparison of House HB 5001 As Intr. to Senate SB 2500 First Engrossed	
	2017-18 Total Appropriation	2018-19 Total Budget	2018-19 Total Budget	2018-19 Total Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Florida College System Program Fund						
Program Funds (General Revenue)	968,250,435	968,250,435	968,250,435	968,250,435		
Program Funds (Lottery)	231,751,579	231,751,579	231,751,579	231,751,579		
Funding Model Equity/College Program Enhancement			23,495,052		23,495,052	
Students for Academic Success Program				30,000,000	(30,000,000)	
World Class Scholars Program and Graduate and Professional Excellence Program			120,563,143		120,563,143	
Deduct - Special Projects - Recurring and Non-Recurring		(2,056,510)	(2,056,510)	(2,056,510)	0	
Budget Reduction Based On Carryforward Balances			(63,875,000)		(63,875,000)	
Performance Based Incentives (Lottery) - State Investment		60,000,000				
Deduct - Non-Recurring - State Investment in Performance Based Incentives		(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	0	
Operating Cost of New Facilities - New			930,626		930,626	
FRS - Contribution Adjustment			4,761,000	4,761,036	(36)	
Deduct - 2017-18 College Funding for Performance		(60,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	0	
Redirect - 2018-19 College Funding for Performance		60,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	0	
State Investment in Performance Based Incentives			30,000,000	30,000,000	0	
Projects of Statewide Interest						
Daytona State College-Multiple Campus Writing Center (HB 2785)			1,000,000		1,000,000	
Daytona State College-Optician Technology Program Equipment (HB 2351)			350,000		350,000	
Lake Sumter State College-Math Emporium and Expansion of the Rise Summer Math Academy (HB 3049)			350,000		350,000	
South Florida State College-Mobile Welding Lab (HB 3731)			500,000	250,000	250,000	
College of Central Florida-Appleton Museum of Art				1,200,000	(1,200,000)	
Daytona State College-Writing Lab Partnership with UCF				100,000	(100,000)	
Florida Keys Community College-Hurricane Student Gap Funding				250,000	(250,000)	
Hillsborough Community College-Advanced Manufacturing and Robotics Center-Lab Equipment Upgrade				500,000	(500,000)	
Miami Dade College-Cyber Security Training Center				200,000	(200,000)	
Palm Beach State College-Coding & Cognitive Technologies Program				250,000	(250,000)	
Palm Beach State College-Opioid Epidemic Training/Workshops				100,000	(100,000)	
Operational Support Funding						
Broward College - Operational Reduction			(381,000)		(381,000)	
St. Johns River College - Operational Support				4,500,000	(4,500,000)	
Fund Shift from GR to Lottery (Increase Lottery)			90,856,256	25,052,447	65,803,809	
Fund Shift from GR to Lottery (Decrease GR)			(90,856,256)	(25,052,447)	(65,803,809)	
Total Program Fund	1,200,002,014	1,227,945,504	1,285,639,325	1,240,056,540	45,582,785	3.68%
Performance Based Incentives						
Performance Based Incentives - Industry Certifications	10,000,000	14,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	
Total Performance Based Incentives	10,000,000	14,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	0.00%
Commission on Community Service	983,182	983,182	983,182	983,182	-	0.00%
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	1,210,985,196	1,242,928,686	1,296,622,507	1,251,039,722	45,582,785	3.64%
Tuition Increase	0% = \$0	0% = \$0	0% = \$0	0% = \$0		

Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC) Update

The 37-member panel convenes every 20 years. Any changes it ultimately approves still must go on the 2018 statewide ballot and gain 60 percent approval to be added to the constitution. The CRC is traveling the State of Florida to listen to input from Floridians about potential changes to the Florida Constitution. The next CRC stop is at University of North Florida, Herbert University Center on February 20th. All interested persons are invited to attend CRC public hearings and speak to Commissioners about their ideas for revising the Florida Constitution. If you'd like to speak before the CRC at a public hearing, please complete an appearance form and bring your copy to the meeting. Forms will also be available to complete at the meeting location. To find a meeting location near you visit: <https://www.flcrc.gov/Meetings/PublicHearings>. The Education Committee of the CRC voted and approved, on 1/26/18, Commissioner Nicole Washington's Proposal 83. Proposal 83, linked

Education shall provide its oversight (same as currently). Both K-12 and the State University System are similarly codified in the State Constitution.

[P 83](#) EDUCATION, by Nicole Washington – Passed favorably by Education; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading. No change.

Senate Panel to Take up School Guns Proposal (from NSF Staff)

Designated people would be allowed to carry concealed firearms on school grounds under a bill added to the agenda of a Senate Judiciary Committee meeting this week. The bill (SB 1236), filed by Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, was put on the agenda Thursday, a day after 17 people were killed by a gunman at a Broward County high school. The committee will meet Tuesday. The proposal would allow school principals or school superintendents to designate people who could carry guns during school hours. People receiving the designation would have to meet training and background requirements. The proposal also would require schools to receive “active shooter situation training” conducted by a law enforcement agency and to undergo safety and emergency reviews every three years by law enforcement. The Judiciary Committee in recent years has repeatedly blocked other firearm-related measures, such as proposals to allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college and university campuses or to openly carry handguns. However, the committee last month narrowly approved a measure (SB 1048) that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on the grounds of churches and other religious institutions that include schools. That church-related proposal is scheduled to go to the full Senate next week. The Judiciary Committee is slated to take up Baxley’s measure after Senate leaders Thursday announced a \$100 million education proposal that includes money for mental-health training, screening and counseling in the wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. “We will identify and direct funding to hardening our schools and provide for armed resource officers on every campus for both safety and prevention,” Senate Rules Chairwoman Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, R-Fort Myers, said in an email Friday.

Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities – Airs Tonight, Feb. 19th, 9pm, on PBS. The rich history of America’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) began before the end of slavery, flourished in the 20th century, and profoundly influenced the course of the nation for over 150 years — yet remains largely unknown. With *Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities*, the latest documentary from Stanley Nelson (Black Panthers, Freedom Riders) and Marco Williams, the powerful story of the rise, influence, and evolution of HBCUs comes to life. A haven for Black intellectuals, artists, and revolutionaries — and a path of promise toward the American dream — HBCUs have educated the architects of freedom movements and cultivated leaders in every field while remaining unapologetically Black for more than 150 years. These institutions have nurtured some of the most influential Americans of our time, from Booker T. Washington to Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. Du Bois to Ralph Ellison, Toni Morrison to Oprah Winfrey, Alice Walker to Spike Lee to Common. A key driver of Black social, political and economic progress, HBCUs were also a place of unprecedented freedom for African American students and a refuge from the rampant racism that raged outside the campus walls. *Tell Them We Are Rising* captures this important history to tell the dynamic story of Americans who refused to be denied a higher education and — in their resistance — created a set of institutions that would influence and shape the landscape of the country for centuries to come. <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/tell-them-we-are-rising/>

BILLS TO WATCH

[SB 1236](#) by Baxley regarding School Safety; Providing an exception to a prohibition on possessing firearms or other specified devices on school property or other specified areas for authorized concealed weapon or firearm

boards to formulate and prescribe policies and procedures for active shooter and hostage situations; requiring a district school superintendent to provide specified agencies with certain strategy and activity recommendations to improve school safety and security, etc.

[SB 1236](#) is on the Judiciary Committee agenda for 02/20/18, 4:00 pm.

[SB 540](#) by Hukill “The Community College Competitiveness Act” (Identical - [HB 831](#) by Gruters)

As written, SB 540 would turn college policy on its proverbial ear and impact the Florida College System in many different ways. At the Senate Appropriations committee meeting last week, the bill sponsor, Sen. Hukill, proposed a “strike all” amendment which changed only one aspect of the original bill – it would no longer rename the Florida College System. It would continue to be the “Florida College System” (FCS), and the proposed 13-member state board would be referred to as the State Board of Colleges.

On the positive side, the bill proposes to strengthen and maintain the “2+2” targeted pathway language. The bill does establish “Supporting Students for Academic Success Program” which has \$30 million tied to it in the budget. This programmatically would be a good thing and help the FCS reduce the adviser/counselor to student ration, and improve technology for tracking completions. Unfortunately tied to the policy bill with the other issues of concern, it presents a bit of a conundrum. Thus, the AFC lobbying team and the COP are submitting numerous amendments to the bill. Meanwhile, the House companion bill, HB 831, has not been heard in any committee yet. Some of the other aspects of the bill remain and include:

- Modifies language on performance metrics to remove the 100% on-time completion metric in lieu of a completion rate metric that reflects the priority of on-time completion based on a student’s enrollment intensity.
- Removes language on performance metrics regarding full-time, first-time-in-college students in AA programs who graduate with a baccalaureate degree in 4 years after initially enrolling in an AA program.
- Maintains the Distinguished Colleges performance metrics.
- Maintains language that prohibits FCS institutions from offering a bachelor of arts degree program and modifies the baccalaureate degree approval process to align with current statute.

[CS/CS/SB 540](#) has had three amendments filed (see links below) and has been retained on the Senate Calendar. No change in either bill.

Amendments filed to [CS/CS/SB540](#):

[325042 - Amendment filed by Senator Powell](#)

[480602 - Amendment filed by Senator Powell](#)

[657986 - Amendment filed by Senator Powell](#)

[SB 1752](#) by Torres regarding Bright Futures Scholarships (Identical - [HB 1331](#) by Smith)

Senate President Joe Negrón is being heavily supported for bringing significant changes to the higher education system by slashing tuition bills for the top students in Florida. If the House agrees with the budget proposal, the Bright Futures Scholarship Program would receive \$124 million and bring back full tuition for students in public colleges and universities. A companion bill in the House was referred to three committees. Last year, the measure was vetoed by Gov. Scott.

SB 1752 has been referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education. Introduced 1/17/18. No change.

HB 1331 has been referred to Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee; Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee. No change.

Rodrigues) CS/SB 4 establishes the “Florida Excellence in Higher Education Act of 2018” to expand financial aid provisions and incentivize postsecondary institutions to emphasize on-time graduation. The bill also expands policy and funding options for state universities to recruit and retain exemplary faculty and enhance the quality of professional and graduate schools. It does not include provisions dealing with FCS governance, no limitations on FCS baccalaureate degrees, no changes to FCS performance or distinguished college metrics. Prohibits university DCOs from using personnel services after 2023 and provides that no state money may be spent on DSO travel. No limitations are placed on FCS DSOs. The bill allows Bright Futures awards to be used to cover technology fees and allows Bright Futures awards to be used for summer school. Bright Futures Academic Scholars program is returned to 100% of tuition and fees, plus \$300 for textbooks. Medallion Scholars Program is returned to 75% of tuition and fees with no provision for textbooks. First Generation Matching Grant program is extended to the FCS; there would be a \$2 match in state money for every \$1 raised privately.

SB 4 has been certified and is in messages for House action. No change.

CS/HB 423 passed Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, now in Education Committee.

[HB 75](#) by Ponder regarding Post-Secondary Fee Waivers (Similar [SB 460](#) by Gainer) Authorizes FCS institutions to waive portion of certain postsecondary fees for active duty members of U.S. Armed Forces using military tuition assistance; requires FCS institutions to report to SBE number & value of such fee waivers granted annually. Mostly impacts FCS institutions with high numbers of active duty service members (e.g. FSCJ, NWFS).

HB 75 Passed the House 1/31/18.; referred on 2/8/18 to Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; Appropriations

SB 460 has passed one committee and the Appropriations Sub-committee on Higher Education. It is now in Appropriations. No change.

[HB 619](#) by Nunez regarding renaming of Florida College System institutions (compare to [SB 946](#) by Flores, Florida Keys Community College) Changes name of "Florida Keys Community College" to "The College of the Florida Keys"; changes name of "North Florida Community College" to "North Florida College." Although addressing specific institutions, the debate should be monitored closely for issues related to overall FCS policy issues, especially in light of the news coverage related to the bill.

CS/HB 619 passed the House 1/31/18; referred on 2/8/18 to Senate Education; Appropriations.

SB 946 has been referred to Senate Education and Appropriations Committees. It still has not been heard. No change.

[SB 1242](#) by Steube regarding weapons carrying (Identical - [HB 739](#) by Fant) This bill would allow open carry during a wide number of recreational activities. Current Florida law requires a concealed weapons permit for carrying a firearm and FS 790.06 places certain restrictions on carry. SB 1242 would allow people to openly carry firearms, including assault weapons, while engaged in a variety of outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, trapping, biking, boating, etc.

SB 1242 was withdrawn from consideration on January 18 at the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 739 has been referred to the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and the Judiciary Committee. It still has not been heard. No change.

[SB 1048](#) by Baxley regarding concealed weapons carry (Identical – [HB 1419](#) by McClure) This bill would allow churches, synagogues, and other religious institutions to authorize concealed license holders to take their

into schools if the religious institution owns, rents, leases or borrows the property.

SB 1048 – Committee Substitute (CS) passed by Senate Judiciary Committee. Placed on Special Order Calendar, 2/8/18, on third reading.

HB 1419 – Favorably passed Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Judiciary Committee. Placed on the Calendar 2/1/18. No change.

[SB 722](#) by Garcia regarding retirement (Identical – [HB 665](#) by Clemons) This bill specifies the minimum amount of the factor used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System, etc.

SB 722 - Passed favorably by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. No change.

HB 665 – On agenda for Oversight, Transparency and Administration Subcommittee. Workshopped on 1/30/18. No change.

[SB 252](#) by Steube regarding State Employee Higher Education Fee Waivers (Identical – [HB 1371](#) by Ausely) State Employee Higher Education Fee Waivers; Providing that credit hours eligible for tuition and fee waivers be determined on a calendar year basis, rather than per academic term, etc.

SB 252 Passed on 2/8/18 by Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education. Now in Appropriations. No change.

HB 1371 – Favorably passed Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee; now in Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee. No change.

[HB 711](#) by Asencio regarding Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs (Identical [SB 1388](#) by Garcia) Bills were filed in fall 2017 as recommendations resulting from the Governor's Construction Taskforce in 2016, including funding for expanding apprenticeships related to targeted occupations, considering moving apprenticeships from the FLDOE to Department of Economic Opportunity and establishing a Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion. HB711 includes an appropriation of \$6.85 million to fund apprenticeships as an Earn & Learn Grant Program.

HB 711 – 11/27/17 Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Education Committee; Introduced 1/9/18. No change.

SB 1388 – Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K Education; Appropriations; CS Passed Education Committee Agenda, 1/29/18; now in Rules 2/1/18. No change.

[SB 1064](#) by Baxley - Dual Enrollment Programs (Similar language contained in [HB 7055](#) by Baxley)

Revises the contents of a postsecondary institution and private school dual enrollment articulation agreement, etc.; Deletes the provision that requires the school district to compensate the college for the cost of the dually enrolled student.

SB 1064 – Now in Appropriations.

CS/HB 7055 – Passed House. 2/15/18 Referred to Senate Education; Appropriations. In Senate Appropriations 2/20/18, 11am.

[CS/SB 858](#) by Steube – The "Sunshine Protection Act" (similar [HB 1013](#) Daylight Savings Time by Nunez and Fitzhagen) Directs the Legislature to submit a request to the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation to redesignate portions of the state in the Central Time Zone into the Eastern

CS/SB 858 – 1/26/18 Passed favorably by Community Affairs ; CS/CS favorably passed Commerce and Tourism; now in Rules.
HB 1013 – 2/14/18 favorably passed House.

[HB 5203](#) by Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee ; Ingoglia – related to Statewide Travel. Revises certain lodging rates for the purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; authorizes employee to expend his or her own funds for certain lodging expenses; provides DMS rulemaking authority; creates the statewide travel management system; provides system reporting requirements; requires specified entities (including state colleges) to use statewide travel management system for certain purposes; requires DMS to make travel information available to public by specified date; provides appropriation & positions; provides statement of important state interest.

HB5203 - passed the House on 2/8/18; referred to Senate Governmental Oversight & Accountability; Appropriations, Rules.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: REELING AGAIN

(FROM THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA WIRE, February 16, 2018)

TALLAHASSEE --- We are broken.

Those were the words of a grieving parent Thursday, the day after his 14-year-old daughter, Jamie, was gunned down by Nikolas Cruz at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland in the nation's second-deadliest school shooting.

Fred Guttenberg spoke at a vigil in the community where thousands of mourners --- including Florida Gov. Rick Scott --- prayed, wept and reminisced about the 17 victims shot dead by Cruz.

"What is unfathomable is Jamie took a bullet and is dead. I don't know what I do next," a torn Guttenberg, whose son Jesse survived the shooting, said. "We are broken."

State and federal officials, including Scott and President Donald Trump, are flocking to Broward County in the aftermath of the Valentine's Day shooting, less than two years after many of the same politicians faced the television cameras following the Pulse nightclub massacre in Orlando that left 49 people dead and dozens of others injured.

The horrific deaths of 14 teenagers and three school staff members --- including football coach Aaron Feis, who died shielding students from the bullets hailing from Cruz's semi-automatic rifle --- immediately rekindled the emotionally raw and familiar debate over gun laws, in Florida, in Washington and throughout the nation.

Cruz, who was expelled from the high school, had such a troubled history that some of those who knew him weren't surprised by his violent outburst.

Yet, advocates of stricter gun laws point out, Cruz was able to legally purchase, without any waiting period, the rifle he used to mow down students and teachers at the school.

Gun rights proponents, meanwhile, stress the need for better mental-health services and argue the Parkland shootings are evidence that people who have concealed-weapons licenses should be allowed to bring guns to schools.

Adding their voices to the conversation, students are demanding action from political leaders like Trump and Scott, who said "everything is on the table."

Marjory Stoneman Douglas junior Cameron Kasky told CNN Friday morning that students felt that "our politicians had abandoned us."

"This can be stopped," Kasky said, adding that "thoughts and prayers are appreciated" but "there's much more that can be done."

Kasky praised the focus on mental health but said that isn't enough, asking for state and national leaders to pass guns laws aimed at preventing atrocities like the one on his campus.

"The only people who don't care are the people who are making the laws," he said.

The day after Cruz went on the shooting spree at his former high school, the Florida Senate budget committee approved a plan to steer \$100 million to public schools for mental-health screening and services and to boost funding for school safety programs.

Sen. Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican who will take over as Senate president in November, pushed for the boost in funding for the plan, which had originally been allocated \$40 million. The Senate also wants a \$13 million increase for "safe school funding," used primarily for school resource officers.

Galvano said he is also exploring what, if anything, lawmakers can do to prevent the sale of guns to people like Cruz, who was charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder and who left a years-long trail of telltale signs of mental illness.

Like Floridians throughout the state, legislators in the Capitol reeled as news continued to emerge about the mass shooting.

Several Broward County lawmakers rushed to South Florida.

State Rep. Jared Moskowitz, a graduate of the Parkland high school, called the scene "surreal."

"I got here last night. My high school looked like a war zone. Streets that I drive all the time looked like a war zone," Moskowitz, D-Coral Springs, said in a telephone interview Thursday morning.

The neighborhood surrounding the school was peppered with mobile command centers and mass triage units on cordoned-off streets, Moskowitz said.

Moskowitz's 4-year-old son was learning how to write his name when his teacher's daughter was mowed down by Cruz, whose lengthy history of disturbing behavior prompted reports to the FBI identifying him as dangerous. The FBI acknowledged Friday that it had received a call Jan. 5 from a person expressing concern about Cruz's behavior and the potential that he could conduct a school shooting. But the FBI acknowledged that it did not properly handle the report, with the information not forwarded to a Miami field office for investigation.

Moskowitz, meanwhile, said he doesn't know what to say to parents who ask him what state lawmakers are going to do to prevent future tragedies.

"We'll do the same thing we've been doing. Which is nothing. We live in a state that if you try to do anything with gun laws and you're a local official, we will throw you in jail," he said. "I mean this kid was telling everybody what he was going to do. He was basically wearing a neon sign saying, 'I am going to come and kill people.' And yet, he bought a gun legally."

Florida law bars people who have been involuntarily committed under the Baker Act from purchasing firearms. A 2013 law expanded that prohibition to individuals who voluntarily admit themselves for mental-health treatment. But Scott indicated he might want an even broader prohibition.

"If someone is mentally ill, they should not have access to a gun," said Scott, who spoke Thursday with House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negron.

Galvano said he, too, is examining the issue.

"We need to explore that issue and understand both the political realities and then the physical realities of someone who has a chronic history of posting things on social media that a lay person could identify as warped. How someone like that, in the existing system, could end up with a firearm that ultimately engages in this," he said.

But what the shape of legislation would be is unknown.

"I'm looking into that. We're going to have that discussion. I don't have a specific answer right now. But we can't ignore that aspect of it," Galvano said. "While we're off having a debate, there are things we can do today to make our students safer."

CONCEALED WEAPONS PROPOSAL PUT ON HOLD

Meanwhile Thursday, the sponsor of a measure that would allow some concealed-weapons license applications to be approved when background checks have not been completed put her bill on hold after the Parkland atrocity.

The Senate Appropriations Committee had been scheduled to take up the proposal as part of a wide-ranging package (SB 740) involving the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

"This isn't the day to have that conversation," bill sponsor Kelli Stargel, R-Lakeland, said before the committee meeting. "Right now, our priority is to help the situation down there, helping law enforcement. Let's look at the things at which we can have control, mental health, safety in our schools, that's the more urgent things to discuss today."

Kate Kile, the Tallahassee leader of the gun-violence prevention group Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America, said she wasn't surprised by the postponement, noting the negative attention that could have come after the shootings.

need to be headed,” Kile said.

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, a Republican running for governor, requested the proposed licensing change, which would require concealed-weapons licenses to be issued if Putnam’s office is unable to complete criminal background checks within 90 days and if no other disqualifying information is found. Such situations could occur, for example, if the department receives incomplete criminal-history information.

Any permit issued after the 90-day period would be immediately suspended if the full background history arrives and contains disqualifying information, according to the proposal.

Putnam sent out a statement Thursday before the Senate meeting that “out of respect for their families and those suffering as a result of this tragedy, I’m working with bill sponsors to postpone consideration of the legislative proposal related to the licensing process.”

STORY OF THE WEEK: Nikolas Cruz, 19, was charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder after gunning down 14 students and three faculty members Wednesday at Broward County’s Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in the nation’s second-worst school shooting in history.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Something is better than nothing. So I’ll take anything. Give me something to go back to these parents and say, ‘This time was different. We did something.’” --- State Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Coral Springs, referring to a Senate plan to steer \$100 million to public schools for mental health screening and services.

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