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TO: All Administrators  
FROM: Dr. Howard G. Burke, FACCS Executive Director  
RE: Capital Update

This week starts with significant news:

...**The majority of negative accountability issues in the various scholarship expansion** (*Corporate Tax Credit/Step-Up, McKay, & Gardiner*) bills have been removed; are in an agreed revised posture, or have been modified to multiple inclusive **Proposed Committee Bills (PCB's...click here to see EDC1 lines 941-944, that directly benefits Dual Enrollment objectives)**. The Proposed Committee Bill was taken up last Thursday and passed to the next committee of assignment.

...**The Companion Dual Enrollment bill SB1064** by Baxley is **being heard in the Senate this date and is expected to pass; however please note: Democratic Senators in Broward County need to hear from private & Christian schools in this district that want to access dual enrollment. These include Senators: Book 850-487-5032, Farmer 850-487-5034, Thurston 850-487-5055. Simply reach their aides in the respective Tallahassee Office with a simple message of a request of support for Baxley's Bill in Senate Education Committee at 4:00 PM today. The only positive issues to discuss is this allows a return to an "equitable (equal access) and non-discriminatory," option for the students of tax paying parents.** There are only four hours to make this contact.

...**The McKay Bills HB 829** by Plasencia was amended and passed by the PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee with unanimous ([12-0](#)) bipartisan support January 23rd. The measure reduces the prior-public-school-attendance requirement from a year to a semester or less for kindergarten to 12th grade students seeking to participate in the McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. The Senate companion, **SB 1080**, which removes the prior-year requirement in its entirety for grades K-5 is set to advance.

...**The Hope Scholarship bill (HB1)** and Senate companion is moving but have a number of positive modifications though it is very doubtful due to all the potential separation of church & state issues that a Christian school would want to entangle themselves by receiving students under this option. The legislation is moving in both Houses.

Below is a listing of all legislation of concern to Christian schools. *However it is in a form that only shows action on bills taken up since the last Capital Update.* Additionally due to the Calendar of the Legislature there are a variety of bills listed that are running out of time to be heard in their first committee of assignment (**HB347/SB66 on sexual orientation & gender identity; HB211/SB588 criminalizing perceived prejudice based on gender identity & SB178 reclassifying crimes related to the above and beyond**). Unless there is a PCB and multiple combinations of related legislation already taken up by a committee in the next week,

the ability of a single bill, even with a companion, will be unlikely, especially if there is also a potential fiscal impact due to the legislative outcome if passed.

**FL H 1**

**Author:** [Donalds \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Hope Scholarship Program

**Summary:** Establishes the Hope Scholarship Program; relates to students subjected to bullying or harassment; provides certain program eligibility requirements; prohibits the payment of a scholarship under certain circumstances; requires a school principal to investigate a report of physical violence or emotional abuse; provides for parent and student responsibilities for program participation; provides guidelines for the funding of payments; provides a scholarship funding tax credit.

**Status:** 01/26/2018 In HOUSE. On Committee agenda 01/30/18.

**2.FL H 113**

**Author:** [Combee \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Concealed Weapons and Firearms in Multiuse Facilities

**Summary:** Relates to concealed weapons and firearms in multiuse facilities; provides that a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon and concealed firearm is not prohibited by specified laws from carrying such on the property of certain institutions.

**3.FL H 211**

**Author:** [Geller \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Crimes Evidencing Prejudice

**Summary:** Relates to crimes evidencing prejudice; provides for reclassification of offenses if the commission of the offenses evidences prejudice towards the victim in whole or in part on specified grounds; provides for reclassification of offenses evidencing prejudice based on the gender or gender identity of the victim; defines the term gender identity; requires grounds for reclassification of crimes to include prejudice based on a disability of the victim.

**4.FL H 305**

**Author:** [Antone \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Child Care Facility Vehicles

**Summary:** Relates to child care facilities; requires vehicles used by child care facilities and large family child care homes to be equipped with a reliable alarm system that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before exiting the vehicle; requires the Department of Children and Families to adopt minimum safety standards and maintain a list of approved alarm systems.

**5.FL H 347**

**Author:** [Diamond \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Prohibited Discrimination

**Summary:** Relates to prohibited discrimination; creates the Florida Competitive Workforce Act; adds sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; provides an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion.

**6.FL H 399**

**Author:** [Mariano \(R\)](#)

**Title:** John McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

**Summary:** Relates to the John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program; authorizes a parent to request an individual education plan meeting and reevaluation from the school district for specified purposes; authorizes a school district to change a matrix of services for a student as a result of an individual education plan reevaluation.

**7.FL H 433**

**Author:** [Henry \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Discrimination in Employment Screening

**Summary:** Relates to discrimination in employment screening; prohibits an employer from inquiring into or considering an applicants criminal history on an initial employment application unless otherwise required to do so by law; provides an effective date.

**8.FL H 621**

**Author:** [Rommel \(R\)](#)

**Title:** School Safety

**Summary:** Relates to school safety; provides legislative intent; provides 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 licensees who are designated by school principals or district school superintendents; provides requirements for designees.

**Status:** 01/25/2018 To HOUSE PRE-K-12 QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE.

**9.FL H 731**

**Author:** [Sullivan \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Home Education

**Summary:** Relates to home education; specifies that a home education program is not a school district program and is registered with the district school superintendent only for the purpose of complying with the states attendance requirements; revises the content requirements of a notice of enrollment of a student in a home education program.

**Status:** 01/26/2018 In HOUSE. On Committee agenda 01/30/18.

**10.FL H 829**

**Author:** [Plasencia \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program

**Summary:** Relates to the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; provides that specified eligibility requirements do not apply to students in certain grades beginning in a specified school year; revises student eligibility criteria; provides for the calculation of the scholarship amount for students diagnosed with a disability by certain physicians or psychologists; provides for the adjustment of the scholarship amount under certain circumstances.

**Status:** 01/25/2018 To HOUSE PRE-K-12 APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

**11.FL H 951**

**Author:** [Fischer \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Education

**Summary:** Relates to education; requires certain assessment results be provided to parents within a specified timeframe; requires the Office of Early Learning to aggregate specified assessment results to be distributed to certain entities and posted on the offices website within a specified timeframe; authorizes certain students to reenroll in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

**Status:** 01/25/2018 To HOUSE PRE-K-12 APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

**12.FL H 1045**

**Author:** [Pigman \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Immunization Registry

**Summary:** Relates to immunization registry; revises provisions relating to the communicable disease prevention and control programs under the Department of Health; provides requirements for electronic availability of immunization records; requires certain health care practitioners to submit and update data in the immunization registry; requires the department to adopt rules.

**13.FL H 1079**

**Author:** [Burton \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Child Welfare

**Summary:** Relates to child welfare; requires the Department of Children and Families to establish rules and procedures for

granting exemptions from criminal history and certain other records checks required for persons being considered for placement of a child; defines the term severe disability and providing an exemption from fingerprint requirements for adult household members with severe disabilities.

**14.FL H 1091**

**Author:** [Grall \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Early Learning

**Summary:** Relates to Early learning; revises the definition of at-risk child; revises the duties of the Office of Early Learning; provides for the development of a program assessment for school readiness providers; provides program assessment requirements; revises the standard statewide contract for providers.

**15.FL H 1129**

**Author:** [Cortes \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Licensure of Child Care Programs

**Summary:** Relates to licensure of child care programs; requires certain organizations providing after-school child care programs to be licensed as child care facilities; defines the term after-school program; conforms provisions to changes made by the act; conforms cross- references.

**Status:** 01/26/2018 In HOUSE. PCS on Committee agenda 01/30/18.

**16.FL H 1175**

**Author:** [Sullivan \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Early Learning Coalitions

**Summary:** Relates to Early learning coalitions; authorizes an early learning coalition to refuse to contract with certain school readiness program providers.

**Status:** 01/25/2018 From HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION: Reported favorably. (19-0)  
01/25/2018 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

**17.FL H 1297**

**Author:** [Brown \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Early Childhood Education

**Summary:** Relates to early childhood education; prohibits a private prekindergarten provider from participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program for a specified period under certain circumstances; prohibits a private prekindergarten provider from participating in the school readiness program for a specified period under certain circumstances.

**18.FL H 1365**

**Author:** [Grall \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Early Learning

**Summary:** Relates to Early learning; revises the contents of the sworn compliance statement a parent must submit under the Gardiner Scholarship program; requires the use of observation-based assessments in determining the kindergarten readiness rate; requires the Office of Early Learning to adopt an observation-based child assessment system, subject to appropriation; provides requirements for such system.

**19.FL H 1419**

**Author:** [McClure \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Firearms

**Summary:** Relates to firearms; authorizes a church, a synagogue, or other religious institution to allow a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a firearm on the property of the church, synagogue, or religious institution for certain purposes.

**20.FL H 6051**

**Author:** [Shaw \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

**Summary:** Relates to the Tax Credit Scholarship Program; relates to a credit for contributions to eligible nonprofit scholarship funding organizations.

**21.FL S 60**

**Author:** [Hukill \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Tax on Sales Use and Other Transactions

**Summary:** Relates to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; reduces the tax levied on rental or license fees charged for the use of real property; makes technical changes.

**22.FL S 178**

**Author:** [Garcia Re \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Crimes Evidencing Prejudice

**Summary:** Relates to crimes evidencing prejudice; requires reclassified crimes to include actual or perceived sex, creed, or employment in specified jobs of the victims; defines the term emergency service employee.

**23.FL S 274**

**Author:** [Stargel \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Concealed Weapons and Firearms in Multiuse Facilities

**Summary:** Relates to concealed weapons and firearms in multiuse facilities; provides that a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm is not prohibited by specified laws from such carrying on the property of certain institutions.

**24.FL S 486**

**Author:** [Stewart \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Child Care Facilities

**Summary:** Relates to child care facilities; amends the Child Safety Alarm Act; requires vehicles used by child care facilities and large family child care homes to be equipped with a reliable alarm system that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before exiting the vehicle; requires the Department of Children and Families to adopt minimum safety standards and maintain a list of approved alarm systems.

**25.FL S 564**

**Author:** [Young \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Scholarships for Students With Disabilities

**Summary:** Amends the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; provides that parents seeking an individual education plan reevaluation may request a specified meeting and evaluation from the school district; specifies that a school district may change a student's matrix of services as a result of an individual education plan reevaluation.

**26.FL S 702**

**Author:** [Farmer \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Criminal History Records

**Summary:** Relates to criminal history records in applications for public employment and admission to public postsecondary educational institutions; prohibits a public employer from inquiring into or considering an applicants criminal history on an initial employment application unless required to do so by law; prohibits public postsecondary educational institutions from inquiring into or considering the criminal history of an applicant seeking admission; provides an effective date.

**27.FL S 732**

**Author:** [Baxley \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Home Education

**Summary:** Amends the home education program; prohibits a district school from requiring certain evidence relating to a child's age from children enrolled in specified schools and programs; revises reporting requirements for specified issues relating to compulsory school attendance; revises the standards required for a home education student to participate in extracurricular activities; prohibits dual enrollment course and program limitations for home education

students; exempts certain GPA requirements.

**Status:** 01/26/2018 To SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE on PRE-K - 12 EDUCATION.

**28.FL S 1048**

**Author:** [Baxley \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Firearms

**Summary:** Relates to firearms; authorizes a church, a synagogue, or other religious institution to allow a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a firearm on the property of the church, synagogue, or religious institution for certain purposes.

**Status:** 01/25/2018 From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Reported favorably with substitute. (6-4)

**29.FL S 1064**

**Author:** [Baxley \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Dual Enrollment Programs

**Summary:** Relates to dual enrollment programs; revises the contents of a post secondary institution and private school dual enrollment articulation agreement; prohibits certain fees from being passed to the private school. **On Senate Education Committee agenda today.**

**30.FL S 1080**

**Author:** [Baxley \(R\)](#)

**Title:** John M. McKay Scholarships

**Summary:** Relates to the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; provides that specified eligibility requirements do not apply to students in certain grades beginning in a specified school year; revises student eligibility criteria; provides for the calculation of the scholarship amount for students diagnosed with a disability by certain physicians or psychologists; provides for the adjustment of the scholarship amount under certain circumstances.

**31.FL S 1116**

**Author:** [Simmons \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Emergency Alerts

**Summary:** Relates to emergency alerts; defines terms; authorizes a local law enforcement agency to activate the Emergency Alert System and issue a Lockdown Alert to public and private schools and child care facilities under certain circumstances.

**32.FL S 1150**

**Author:** [Steube \(R\)](#)

**Title:** School Readiness Program Funding

**Summary:** Relates to school readiness program funding; requires the Office of Early Learning to develop a formula for the allocation of funding for the school readiness program which meets certain requirements; requires the office to submit the formula to the Legislature by a specified date; requires the formula to be implemented by a specified date; requires the office to review and update the formula within a specified timeframe.

**33.FL S 1172**

**Author:** [Galvano \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Hope Scholarship Program

**Summary:** Relates to the Hope Scholarship Program; establishes the Hope Scholarship Program; provides the purpose of the program; provides definitions; provides eligibility requirements; prohibits the payment of a scholarship under certain circumstances; requires a school principal to investigate a report of physical violence or emotional abuse.

**34.FL S 1192**

**Author:** [Stargel \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Education

**Summary:** Relates to education; requires certain assessment results to be provided to parents within a specified timeframe; requires the Office of Early Learning to aggregate specified assessment results to be distributed to certain entities and posted on the offices website within a specified timeframe; authorizes certain students to reenroll in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; specifies that the program be offered by a provider that has met certain criteria.

**35.FL S 1236**

**Author:** [Baxley \(R\)](#)

**Title:** School Safety

**Summary:** Relates to school safety; provides legislative intent; provides 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 licensees who are designated by school principals or district school superintendents; provides requirements for designees.

**36.FL S 1254**

**Author:** [Passidomo \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Early Learning

**Summary:** Relates to early learning; requires a parent with custody of a child to be verified as a victim of domestic violence by a certified domestic violence center before his or her child is considered an at-risk child; revises the duties of the Office of Early Learning; revises the requirements for the offices annual analysis of the states Early learning activities.

**37.FL S 1520**

**Author:** [Hutson \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Licensure of Child Care Programs

**Summary:** Relates to licensure of child care programs; requires certain organizations offering child care through after-school programs to be licensed as child care facilities; defines the term after school program; conforms provisions to changes made by the act; conforms cross-references.

**38.FL S 1532**

**Author:** [Stargel \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Early Learning Coalitions

**Summary:** Relates to early learning coalitions; authorizes an early learning coalition to refuse to contract with certain school readiness program providers.

**39.FL S 1546**

**Author:** [Simmons \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

**Summary:** Relates to the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; defines the term nonprofit provider; revises the prekindergarten program options available to certain parents to include a specified in-home, technology-based program; authorizes each Early learning coalition to administer an in-home, technology-based academic prekindergarten program as part of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

**40.FL S 1614**

**Author:** [Hukill \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Education

**Summary:** Relates to education; requires the Department of Education to suspend specified payments to private schools that fail, rather than knowingly fail, to meet certain scholarship program accountability standards; provides that the failure of, rather than the inability of, private schools to meet such standards constitutes the basis for ineligibility for participation in a scholarship program.

**41.FL S 1680**

**Author:** [Montford \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Immunization Registry

**Summary:** Relates to immunization registry; revises provisions relating to the communicable disease prevention and control programs under the Department of Health; deletes a provision that allows the parent or guardian of a child to refuse to have the child included in the immunization registry; provides requirements for electronic availability of, rather than transfer of, immunization records.

**42.FL S 1738**

**Author:** [Stewart \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Early Childhood Education

**Summary:** Relates to early childhood education; prohibits a private prekindergarten provider from participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program for a specified period under certain circumstances; authorizes an early learning coalition to revoke the eligibility of a school readiness program provider to participate in the school readiness program for a specified period under certain circumstances.

**43.FL S 1756**

**Author:** [Simmons \(R\)](#)

**Title:** School Accountability

**Summary:** Relates to school accountability; revises the private schools to which the Department of Education is required to provide technical assistance and authorized staff; updates terminology; revises requirements for private schools that participate in the Gardiner Scholarship Program.

**Status:** 01/26/2018 To SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE on PRE-K - 12 EDUCATION.

**44.FL S 1822**

**Author:** [Hukill \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Early Childhood Learning

**Summary:** Relates to early childhood learning; requires the Office of Early Learning to adopt an observation-based child assessment system that contains specified elements, under certain circumstances; requires each Early learning coalition to implement a specified age-appropriate observation based assessment for certain children, rather than a preassessment and postassessment; conforms provisions to changes made by the act.

**45.FL S 1848**

**Author:** [Farmer \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Tax Credit Scholarship Program

**Summary:** Relates to the Tax Credit Scholarship Program; relates to a credit for contributions to eligible nonprofit scholarship funding organizations; makes technical corrections.

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