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Bill Number	Bill Type	Description	Link
Other Bills with Direct Impact on Education Finance			
293	General Bill	Middle Grades; Requires that DOE contract to conduct comprehensive study of states with nationally recognized high-performing middle schools in reading & mathematics; requires report to Governor, SBE & Legislature by specified time; provides for expiration; deletes requirements related to career & education planning course for middle grades promotion; provides appropriation. APPROPRIATION: \$50,000.00	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00293
370	General Bill	Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; Requiring certain employers to provide Civil Air Patrol leave; prohibiting specified public and private employers from discharging, reprimanding, or penalizing a Civil Air Patrol member because of his or her absence by reason of taking Civil Air Patrol leave, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00370
371	General Bill	Assistive Technology Devices; Revises provisions relating to accessibility & use of assistive technology devices by persons with disabilities.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00371
396	General Bill	Student Loan Debt; Defining the term "student loans"; requiring postsecondary institutions to annually provide certain students with specified information regarding their student loans; providing that an institution does not incur any liability for providing such information, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00396
493	General Bill	Enhanced Safety for School Crossings; Requires DOT to evaluate viability & cost of uniform system of high-visibility markings & signage for designation of safe school crossings, subject to certain requirements; authorizes DOT to consider implementation of new technology/innovations that enhance pedestrian & crosswalk visibility; requires report.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00493
501	Public Records/General Bill	Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Information Technology/Postsecondary Education Institutions; Creates exemption from public records & meetings requirements for certain data & information held by state universities & FCS institutions relating to information technology security programs; authorizes certain entities or agencies to access such records; provides retroactive application; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides statements of public necessity; provides directive to Division of Law Revision & Information.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00501
599	General Bill	Public Works Projects; Prohibits state & political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from imposing restrictive conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; prohibits state & political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids; provides applicability.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00599
781	General Bill	Designation of School Grades; Revises requirements for certain schools to receive school grade designation of K-3 feeder pattern school; provides majority of students must be scheduled to be assigned to certain school for feeder pattern to exist.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00781
859	General Bill	Postsecondary Distance Education; Establishing the Postsecondary Reciprocal Distance Education Coordinating Council within the Department of Education; authorizing the Governor to request the council to convene for the purpose of reconsidering participation in a reciprocity agreement; requiring the council to collect annual fees from Florida institutions participating in a reciprocity agreement based on total full-time equivalent enrollment, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$225,534.00	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00859

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1079	Public Records/General Bill	Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Campus Emergency Response for Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions; Provides exemption from public records requirements for specified portions of campus emergency response for public postsecondary educational institutions; provides exemption from public meetings requirements for meeting held for purposes relating to such portions of campus emergency response; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01079
1107	Public Records/General Bill	Public Records/Workers' Compensation; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying information of an injured or deceased employee which is contained in reports, notices, records, or supporting documentation held by the Department of Financial Services pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law; providing a criminal penalty for willful and knowing disclosure of such information to an unauthorized person or entity; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01107
1109	General Bill	Private School Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities; Revises eligibility requirements for certain private school students to participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at specified public schools.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01109
1239	General Bill	School Bus Safety; Provides for mandatory noncriminal penalties, fine, driver license suspension, & driver license points for certain violations resulting in serious bodily injury to/death of another person.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01239
Other Bills with Indirect Impact on Education Finance			
21	General Bill	Teacher Certification; Requiring the Department of Education to issue a temporary educator certificate within a specified period; requiring the department to provide the applicant an official statement of status of eligibility upon issuance of a temporary certificate; authorizing charter schools and charter management organizations to develop a professional development certification and education competency program, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01474
60	General Bill	Children Obtaining Driver Licenses; Revising a pilot program to make it permanent; revising the applicability of the program to include children in out-of-home care; authorizing the program to pay for a child to complete a driver education program and obtain a driver license or the related costs of licensure under certain circumstances; revising a child's transition plan to include options to use in obtaining a driver license under certain circumstances; providing that a guardian ad litem authorized by a minor's caregiver to sign for the minor's learner's driver license does not assume any obligation or liability for damages, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00060
80	General Bill	Public Records; Revising the circumstances under which a court must assess and award the reasonable costs of enforcement against an agency in a civil action to enforce ch. 119, F.S.; prohibiting the assessment and award of the reasonable costs of enforcement to a complainant who acted with an improper purpose, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00080

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181	General Bill	Natural Hazards; Creates interagency workgroup to share information, coordinate efforts, & collaborate on initiatives relating to natural hazards; requires certain agencies to designate liaisons to the workgroup; requires the Division of Emergency Management to prepare annual report; requires report to be posted on agency websites & submitted to the Governor & Legislature; providing an appropriation. APPROPRIATION: \$88,784.00	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00181
241	General Bill	Alarm Systems; Redefining the term "low-voltage alarm system project" to include low-voltage electric fences; providing requirements for a low-voltage electric fence to be permitted as a low-voltage alarm system project; providing exclusions from the requirement for a verification call before alarm dispatch for specified premises under certain circumstances, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00241
256	General Bill	Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching; Abrogating the scheduled expiration of the center, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00256
305	General Bill	Law Enforcement Body Cameras; Requires law enforcement agencies to establish policies & procedures authorizing officer's review of camera footage of incident before writing report or providing statement; provides exception.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00305
307	General Bill	Florida Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association; Revising applicability of the Florida Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act as to specified annuity contracts; revising the association's maximum aggregate liability for the contractual obligations of an insolvent insurer with respect to one life; specifying the association's maximum liability as to certain health insurance policies beginning on a specified date, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00307
335	General Bill	Resource Recovery and Management; Provides & revises definitions; revises criteria for exempting recovered materials & recovered materials processing facilities from specified regulations.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00335
379	General Bill	Underground Facilities; Revises information to be submitted to Legislature by board of directors of Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc.; requires excavators to call 911 under specified circumstances; requires member operators to file report with free-access notification system; provides reporting requirements; specifies distribution of civil penalties issued by state law enforcement officers.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00379
401	General Bill	Notaries Public; Expands list of forms of identification which notary public may rely on in notarizing signature on document to include veteran health ID card.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00401
435	General Bill	International Financial Institutions; Revises requirements for confidential books & records of financial institutions that must be made available for inspection & examination; revises applicability of the financial institutions codes as to international banking corporations; revises requirements for carrying on financial institution business; provides requirements for carrying on international financial business; provides requirements relating to international trust company representative offices, including licensure, recordkeeping, representative offices, permissible activities, liability, claims, & fees; provides requirements relating to qualified limited service affiliates of international trust entities, including permissible activities, registration, recordkeeping, & examinations; provides responsibilities of OFR & FSC.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00435

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436	General Bill	Religious Expression in Public Schools; Citing this act as the "Florida Student and School Personnel Religious Liberties Act"; prohibiting a school district from discriminating against students, parents, or school personnel on the basis of religious viewpoints or expression; prohibiting penalty or reward for a student's religious expression in coursework, artwork, or other specified assignments; requiring a school district to comply with the federal requirements in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00436
687	General Bill	Utilities; Authorizes DOT & certain local governmental entities to prescribe & enforce rules re: placing & maintaining communications services lines/wireless facilities; prohibits authority regulation of facility collocation; authorizes authority to require registration process & permit fees; requires authority to process applications; prohibits authority from requiring approval/fees for maintenance/placement of facilities; provides requirements for collocation on authority utility poles; requires authority to waive certain application & placement requirements; prohibits authority from adopting/enforcing certain regulations & imposing certain fees; authorizes wireless infrastructure provider to apply to place utility poles; authorizes authority to enforce certain local codes/rules/regulations under certain circumstances.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00687
699	General Bill	Public Works Projects; Prohibits state & political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from imposing restrictive conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; prohibits state & political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids; provides applicability.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00599
741	General Bill	Department of Business and Professional Regulation Fees; Revises delinquency fee that professional board or DBPR imposes on delinquent status licensee; revises surcharge that DBPR assesses on building permits.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00741
749	General Bill	Adoption Benefits; Revises definition of term "qualifying adoptive employee" to include employees of charter schools & Florida Virtual School for purpose of extending state employee adoption benefits to such employees; provides for retroactive application; requires such employees to apply to their school directors to obtain monetary benefits; requires CFO to transfer funds for such purpose.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00749
805	General Bill	Insurance Policy Transfers; Authorizes insurer to transfer residential property insurance policy to another authorized insurer upon expiration of policy term if specified conditions are met.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00805
852	General Bill	Human Trafficking; Requiring the Department of Children and Families or a sheriff's office to conduct a multidisciplinary staffing on child victims of commercial sexual exploitation to determine the child's service and placement needs; revising the continuing medical education course requirements for certain relicensures or recertifications to include a course in human trafficking; adding human trafficking to the list of crimes requiring pretrial detention of the defendant, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00852
886	Public Records/General Bill	Public Records/Substance Abuse Impaired Persons; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for petitions for involuntary assessment and stabilization, court orders, related records, and personal identifying information regarding substance abuse impaired persons; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00886

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890	General Bill	Direct-Support Organizations; Requiring a contract between an agency and a citizen support organization or direct-support organization to include a provision for the orderly cessation of operations and reversion of state funds within a specified timeframe; requiring that certain proceeds be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, instead of the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation; requiring a specified percentage of certain revenues to be deposited into the Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living special reserve account to administer specified programs; extending the date for future review and repeal of provisions relating to the Florida Endowment for Vocational Rehabilitation Act; requiring the foundation to transfer funds to specified entities for certain purposes, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00890
896	General Bill	Florida Prepaid College Board; Revising the financial disclosures required to be filed by certain Florida Prepaid College Board members; extending the repeal date of the direct-support organization for the Florida Prepaid College Board, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00896
899	General Bill	Comprehensive Transitional Education Programs; Authorizes APD to petition for appointment of receiver for comprehensive transitional education program.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00899
927	General Bill	Real Estate Appraisers; Revises authorized methods of instruction & certain requirements for specified real estate practice courses; authorizes appraisers to perform evaluations in compliance with specified standards; requires DBPR & Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board to collect & transmit annual fee to appraisal subcommittee; authorizes board to deny appraisal management company's renewal application; prohibits appraisal management company from requiring client to sign certain agreement; authorizes board to adopt rules establishing standards of practice.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00927
937	General Bill	Warnings for Lottery Games; Requiring the Department of the Lottery to provide a specified warning in advertisements or promotions of lottery games; requiring contracts entered into between the department and a vendor of lottery tickets to include a provision that requires the vendor to place or print a specified warning on all lottery tickets; requiring contracts entered into between the department and a retailer of lottery tickets to include a provision that requires the retailer to prominently display a sign, provided by the department, with a specified warning at the point of sale, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00937
987	General Bill	Public Accountancy; Provides exemption to requirement for licensure of certain firms without office in state; provides that suspension or revocation of right to practice before Public Company Accounting Oversight Board is grounds for imposition of penalties as provided by law.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/00987
1018	General Bill	Pollution; Citing this act as the "Public Notice of Pollution Act"; defining the term "reportable pollution release"; requiring an owner or operator of an installation at which a reportable pollution release occurred to provide certain information to the department within 24 hours after the discovery of the release; creating the State Watch Office within the Division of Emergency Management, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$25,000.00	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01018

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1021	General Bill	Construction; Authorizing solar energy systems manufactured or sold in the state to be certified by professional engineers; revising an exemption from construction contracting regulation for certain public utilities; prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing certain building permits or other development order requirement; requiring the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board to establish rules; prohibiting local enforcement agencies, independent districts, and special districts from charging certain fees; revising requirements for updating the Florida Building Code, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01021
1233	General Bill	Cottage Food Operations; Increases annual gross sales limitation for exempting cottage food operations from certain food & building permitting requirements; authorizes certain advertisement & sale of, & payment for, cottage food products; prohibits certain delivery of cottage food products.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01233
1347	General Bill	Application of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act to Credit Unions; Exempts credit unions from regulation under Florida Deceptive & Unfair Trade Practices Act.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/01347
7045	Public Records/General Bill	OGSR/Reports of Unclaimed Property; Removes scheduled repeal of public records exemption for social security numbers & property identifiers contained in reports of unclaimed property.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/07045
7105	Joint Resolution	Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies, etc.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/07105
7107	General Bill	Homestead Exemption Implementation; Increases homestead exemption from all taxes other than school district taxes; specifies calculation of rolled-back rate for purposes of 2019 tax roll; requires Legislature to appropriate moneys to offset reductions in tax revenues in certain counties as result of specified constitutional amendment.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/07107
7113	Public Records/General Bill	OGSR/Donor or Prospective Donor/Publicly Owned Performing Arts Center; Removes scheduled repeal of public records exemption for information that identifies donor or prospective donor of donation made for benefit of publicly owned performing arts center if donor desires to remain anonymous.	https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/07113