

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS EDUCATION REFORM BILLS FILED FOR 2010 SESSION

(As of 12/21/09)

HB 55 (Rep. Betty Reed, D-Tampa)

District School Board Policies and Procedures

Provides legislative intent to recognize student academic achievement; encourages each district school board to adopt policies & procedures that provide for annual "Academic Scholarship Signing Day."

HB 175 (Rep. Hazelle Rogers, D-Lauderdale Lakes)

Public Broadcasting Program System

Includes non-denominational television stations licensed by FCC for which public support & funding may be given.

HB 193 (Rep. Mia Jones, D-Jacksonville)

Health Education

Provides for mandatory one-half credit in health education, independent of physical education credit requirement, for high school students; provides waiver for students who request to take & successfully complete health education assessment developed by DOE; reduces number of credits in elective courses.

HB 231 (Rep. Martin Kiar, D-Davie)

Statewide Assessments

Revises provisions relating to schedule for administering comprehensive statewide assessments to provide an exception when test dates fall on religious holidays.

HB 169 (Rep. Keith Fitzgerald, D-Sarasota)

Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality

Creates "Florida Healthy Teens Act"; requires public schools that provide certain information or programs to students concerning human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases to provide information that meets specified criteria; authorizes parents or guardians to seek review of school's

compliance & provides for corrective actions; provides for exemption from certain teaching.

HB 255 (Rep. Charles Chestnut, D-Gainesville)

Community College Student Fees

Authorizes community college boards of trustees to establish transportation access fee; limits amount of fee to \$6 per credit hour; provides timeframe for fee increase and implementation of increase; prohibits inclusion of fee in calculating amount student receives under Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards.

HB 299 (Rep. Dwight Bullard, D-Miami)

Extended School Day Programs

Creates pilot program in Miami-Dade County that authorizes school districts to enter into agreements with county recreation department for purpose of using facilities for extended school day programs in approved middle schools & high schools.

HB 467 (Rep. Mia Jones, D-Jacksonville)

Public K-12 Education

Provides that comprehensive health education curriculum shall include component on teen dating violence & abuse for students in grades 7-12; requires district school boards to adopt & implement dating violence & abuse policy; requires DOE to develop model policy; requires school personnel training.

HB 473 (Rep. Dwight Bullard, D-Miami)

Revises statewide student assessment program beginning with 2014-2015 school year; discontinues use of FCAT; requires use of subject area assessments in grades 3 through 5, subject area assessments & end-of-course examinations in grades 6 through 12, & diagnostic assessments in grades 6, 8, & 10; revises high school graduation requirements to include measure of overall academic performance; revises credit requirements in mathematics & science; revises basis for determining school grades & school improvement ratings; revises comprehensive program for student progression; revises Florida School Recognition Program; provides for public school assessment & accountability alignment committee to develop standards & procedures for revised assessment & grading systems.