

FSNA Legislative Report – January 18, 2020

HB 139 – Drinking Water in Public Schools by Jenne – Subject to legislative appropriation, provides requirements for school districts relating to prevention of lead in drinking water at public schools.

Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Sub; Education Committee

SB 168 by Cruz

Referred to Education, Education Appropriations Sub, Appropriations

11/12/19 – Favorable by Education 8-0

11/18 – Reference to Education Appropriations removed, reference to Agriculture, Environment and General Government Sub on Appropriations added

SB 182 – Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials by Stewart – Deleting preemptions of local law relating to the regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags; repealing the preemption of local laws regarding the use or sale of polystyrene products to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Referred to Community Affairs; Environment and Natural Resources; Rules

HB 6042 by Grieco

Referred to Business & Professions Sub; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Sub; Commerce

SB 300 – Food Pantries in Public Schools by Farmer – Authorizing school districts to adopt a policy to allow schools to create food pantry programs in collaboration with non profit organizations; authorizing school districts to provide food from the pantry at no cost to students under specified circumstances; authorizing school employees to prepare and distribute donated food.

Referred to Education; Education Appropriations; Appropriations

*There is no House companion to this bill

SB 428 – Prohibited Places for Weapons and Firearms by Braynon – Revising the locations where a concealed weapon or concealed firearms licensee is prohibited from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm.

Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Judiciary; Rules

*There is no House companion to this bill

HB 521 – School Food and Nutrition Services by Webb – Provides tax credits for certain farmers; revises rate of reimbursement and allocation of funds relating to free & reduced price meals; removes exemption from requirement to implement fee breakfast meals; provides funds for certain breakfast meals; authorizes school districts to use share tables; directs DACS in collaboration with DOH to distribute share table information; directs DACS to create campaign, allocate additional reimbursements for school meals, conduct food access study and develop Florida Gleaning Support Grant Program; provides appropriations and authorizes DACS to contract with third party vendor and adopt rules.

Referred to Ways & Means Committee; State Affairs Committee; Appropriations
SB 1526 by Albritton

Referred to Agriculture; Finance and Tax and Appropriations

SB 616 – Background Screening by Powell – Prohibiting employers from excluding applicants from an interview for employment under certain conditions; providing a civil penalty; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to enforce the act.

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations.

HB 473 by Omphroy

Referred to Business & Professions Sub; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Sub; Commerce

SB 720 – Medical Use of Marijuana in Schools by Montford – Authorizing a qualified patient to designate more than one caregiver to assist with the patient's medical use of marijuana under certain circumstances; authorizing a county-designated caregiver to register as a caregiver for more than one qualified patient under certain circumstances; providing a procedure for a parent of a student who is a qualified patient to request that marijuana be administered to the student during the school day; requiring that a caregiver or a county-designated caregiver administering marijuana to the student do so in the area the school principal designates.

Referred to Health Policy; Education; Rules

*There is no House Companion to this bill

SB 946 – Moments of Silence in Public Schools by Baxley – Requiring that public school principals require teachers to set aside time for a moment of silence at the

beginning of each school day; prohibiting teachers from making suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence; requiring certain teachers to encourage parents to discuss the moment of silence with their children and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time.

Referred to Education; Judiciary; Rules

HB 737 by Daniels

Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Sub; PreK-12 Appropriations Sub, Education

HB 921 – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by Brannan – this is the DACS annual bill. The only area of the bill that affects FSNA is the section authorizing the department to adopt and implement an exemption variance and waiver process for school food and other nutrition programs.

Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Sub; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Sub; State Affairs

SB 1514 by Albritton

Referred to Agriculture; Innovation Industry and Technology; Appropriations

HB 973 – Florida Farm to School Program by Roth – Requires vendors who sell agricultural commodities to county school districts to provide specified invoice receipts to county school nutrition programs; requires county school nutrition programs to submit data from receipts to DACS; requires DACS to submit annual reports to Legislature.

Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Sub; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Sub; State Affairs

SB 1384 by Albritton

Referred to Agriculture; Appropriations Sub on Agriculture, Environment and General Government; Appropriations

SB 1854 – Instructional Personnel and Educational Support Employee Pay Raise Initiative by Rodriguez (J). Requiring that the initiative be funded at a level sufficient to provide a specified annual salary increase for all instructional personnel and support employees, plus a specified cost-of-living adjustment.

*This bill was filed on 1/13/20 and has not yet been referred to committee

HB 1223 by McGhee

*This bill was filed on 1/9/20 and has not yet been referred to committee

HB 2799 – Feeding Florida Healthy Food Initiative by Roth. This is a local bill providing an appropriations of \$4.5m for Feeding Florida a non-profit organization. The goal is to partner with Florida farmers to source fresh products that would otherwise not find its way into the supply chain and distribute through it's 12 member Food Banks.

Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Sub; Appropriations.

12/9/19 – Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations 9-0

*The Senate does not file individual Appropriations projects as bills, therefore, there is no Senate companion.