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SB 66 - Drinking Water in Public Schools by Cruz - Defining the term “drinking water source”; requiring each school district to locate all drinking water sources in certain schools, install a barcode on each source, and install filters that meet certain specifications on all such sources.

Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Appropriations

3/26 – On Education Committee Agenda – Temporarily passed

4/2 – On Education Committee Agenda – Passed Favorably 8-0

5/3 – Died in Education Appropriations

HB 545 - Drinking Water in Public Schools by Jenne - this is the similar House companion. The difference is that the House bill requires that school districts publish specified information on school districts website.

Referred to PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

SB 150 - Tobacco-free Schools by Rader - Requiring each school district to adopt a policy that prohibits the use or distribution of tobacco products in school facilities, on school grounds, in school vehicles, and at school functions; requiring that each school district adopt a policy to refer individuals to voluntary cessation education and support programs that address tobacco use; prohibiting the use of school facilities, school real property, or vehicles owned by a school district for the advertisement of any tobacco product.

Referred to Education; Health Policy, Rules; Appropriations

There is no House companion to this bill as of this date.

5/3 – Died in Education Committee

SB 174 - Panic Alarm in Public Schools by Book - Citing this act as “Alyssa’s Law”; requiring each public school building on the campus of a public elementary school, middle school or high school to be equipped with at least one panic alarm.

Referred to Education, Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations

There is no House companion to this bill as of this date.

5/3 – Died in Education Committee

SB 384 - Medical Use of Marijuana in Schools by Monford - Authorizing a qualified patient to designate more than one caregiver to assist with the



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qualified patient's medical use of marijuana if the qualified patient is a student whose parent has requested that a county-designated caregiver assist the student with the medical use of marijuana during the school day; providing a procedure for a parent of a student who is qualified patient to request that marijuana be administered to the student during the school day; prohibiting a school from obstructing a student who is a qualified patient from accessing marijuana during the school day.

Referred to Health Policy; Education; Rules

There is no House companion to this bill as of this date.

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

SB 502 - Prohibition of Plastic Carryout Bags and Straws by Rader -

Prohibiting a store or food service business from providing a carryout bag made of plastic film to a customer; prohibiting a food serve business from selling or providing a single-use plastic straw to a customer.

*(the part of this bill that concerns me is the new definition of "Food Service Business"):

(b) "Food service business" means a business that sells or provides food to be consumed on or off the premises, and includes, but is not limited to, a restaurant, cafe, delicatessen, coffee shop, supermarket or grocery store, vending truck or cart, food truck, movie theater, or business or institutional cafeteria, including those operated by or on behalf of a governmental entity.

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Rules

There is no House companion to this bill as of this date.

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

SB 520 - Funding for School Districts by Monford - Holding harmless certain funding to school districts that enrolled students from certain counties as a result of Hurricane Michael; requiring that a calculation and allocation be made; providing that the funds calculated support a nonrecurring appropriation.

Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

3/26 – On Education Committee agenda – Temporarily passed

4/2 – On Education Committee agenda – Passed Favorably 8-0

There is no House companion to this bill as of this date

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

SB 588 - Single-use Plastic Straws by Hutson - Providing that a food service establishment may distribute a single use plastic straw to a



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customer only if requested to do so by the customer; providing exceptions; providing that a food service establishment may make single use plastic straws available through self-serve straw dispensers.

* the definition of food service establishment does NOT include governmental entities. However, we will follow this in case amendments are added that may address schools. Another interesting section of the bill:

(4) The regulation of a single-use plastic straws is preempted to the state. A municipality, county, or other local governmental entity may not adopt, enforce, or implement any ordinance, rule, or law that would further restrict a food service establishment from distributing single-use plastic straws to customers.

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Rules

3/4/19 – Favorable by Commerce and Tourism 3-1

4/9– On Community Affairs Committee – Favorable 5-0, Now in Rules Committee

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

HB 603 - Single-Use Plastic Straws by Sabatini

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

3/26 – Favorable by Business & Professions 10-4

3/29 – Referred to Appropriations added

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

***HB 1299** – Governmental Powers by Roach – This is now the bill to watch. It includes language that preempts regulation by local governments of single-use plastic straws and over the counter proprietary drugs and cosmetics to the State.

Referred to Business and Professions Sub, Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Sub, Commerce

3/26 – Favorable by Business & Professions 10-4

4/10 – Favorable by State Affairs 18-6, Now in Commerce Committee

4/18 – Favorable by Commerce 15-7

4/26 – Read Second time, amendments adopted, on 3rd reading 4/29

4/29 – SENATE – Received, Referred to Commerce & Tourism, Rules

5/3 – SENATE – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

SB 996 - Possession of Firearms on School Property by Hutson - Revising provision relating to the possession of firearms in student campus parking.



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(School districts may now adopt written and publish policies that waive the exemption in this bill for purposes of student campus parking privileges)

Referred to – Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Rules

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

HB 6005 - Possession of Firearms on School Property by Byrd

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Education Committee; Judiciary Committee

3/12 – Favorable by Criminal Justice 10-3

This bill still has two more committee references

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

HB 1215 – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by Brannan III – This is the Departments clean-up bill. It includes language to authorize waivers for school food and nutrition programs and establishes the Healthy Food Assistance Program

Referred to Ag and Natural Resources Sub, Ag and NR Appropriations, State Affairs

3/19 – Favorable by Ag and Natural Resources 14-0

3/26 – Favorable by Ag and Natural Resources Appropriations 11-0

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

SB 1646 – by Albritton

Referred to Agriculture, Appropriations Sub on Ag, Environment and Gen. Government and Appropriations

3/25 – Favorable by Agriculture 5-0

4/9 – On Ag, Environment and General Government Appropriations agenda– Favorably 9-0, Now in Appropriations Committee

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

SB 7062 – Citizen Support and Direct support Organizations by Agriculture and Appropriations Committee – this bill now has the Department language along with other agencies.

4/26 – Passed 40-0, now in House Messages

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

HB 1415 – Students Leaving School Grounds by Slosberg – Authorizes district school boards to adopt programs and policies for students to leave school grounds during school lunch periods; requires parental consent for a student to participate in such policy under certain circumstances



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Referred to PreK-12 Quality, PreK-12 Appropriations, Education
There is not a Senate companion as of this date.

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

HB 7075 – School Choice by Education Committee – Creates Family Empowerment Scholarship Program. Revises provisions relating to Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, Hope Scholarship Program and certain contributions to those programs.

Referred to Appropriations

3/27 – Favorable by Appropriations 16-9

3/28 – Placed on Special Order Calendar

4/3 – Temporarily Postponed on 2nd Reading

SB 1410 by Diaz

Referred to Education, Appropriations Education Subcommittee, Appropriations

5/3 – Indefinitely Postponed and Withdrawn from Consideration

***SB 7070** – K-12 Education by Diaz – This bill ended up with all the school choice language and passed both the House and Senate on 4/30. On 5/6 it was signed by officers and presented to the Governor. He has until 5/21 to act.

SB 2500 – An act relating to Appropriations

3/28 – Favorable by Appropriations Committee 21-0

4/3 – On Special Order Calendar – passed with 3 amendments 40-0, immediately certified to the House

4/4/ - HOUSE – Substituted for HB 5001 105-8, Sent to Senate, agree to Conference

4/4 – SENATE – in returning messages

4/23 – Conference Committee's appointed and meetings begin

5/4 – SENATE – Conference Report passed 38-0

5/4 – HOUSE – Conference Report passed 106-2

HB 5001 – General Appropriations Act

3/27 – Favorable by Appropriations Committee 26-1

4/3 – On Special Order Calendar

4/4 – Laid on Table, substituted for SB 2500

4/23 – Conference Committee's appointed and meetings begin

5/4 – Laid on Table – refer to SB 2500



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