



PreK-12 Policy Committee

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Morris Hall

Action Packet

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

PreK-12 Policy Committee

3/10/2009 3:00:00PM

Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
John Legg (Chair)	X		
Dwight Bullard	X		
Rachel V. Burgin	X		
Anitere Flores	X		
Clay Ford	X		
Erik Fresen	X		
Mia Jones	X		
Martin Kiar	X		
Rick Kriseman	X		
Charles McBurney	X		
Scott Plakon	X		
Kelli Stargel	X		
Ritch Workman	X		
Totals:	13	0	0

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HB 157 : Service Learning in the Public School System

Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Dwight Bullard	X				
Rachel V. Burgin				X	
Anitere Flores	X				
Clay Ford	X				
Erik Fresen	X				
Mia Jones	X				
Martin Kiar	X				
Rick Kriseman	X				
Charles McBurney			X		
Scott Plakon	X				
Kelli Stargel	X				
Ritch Workman	X				
John Legg (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 11		Total Nays: 0			

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HB 835 : Gifted and Academically Talented Student Education

Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Dwight Bullard	X				
Rachel V. Burgin	X				
Anitere Flores	X				
Clay Ford	X				
Erik Fresen	X				
Mia Jones	X				
Martin Kiar	X				
Rick Kriseman	X				
Charles McBurney	X				
Scott Plakon	X				
Kelli Stargel	X				
Ritch Workman	X				
John Legg (Chair)	X				
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HJR 919 : Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Dwight Bullard		X			
Rachel V. Burgin	X				
Anitere Flores	X				
Clay Ford	X				
Erik Fresen	X				
Mia Jones	X				
Martin Kiar		X			
Rick Kriseman		X			
Charles McBurney	X				
Scott Plakon	X				
Kelli Stargel	X				
Ritch Workman	X				
John Legg (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 10		Total Nays: 3			

Appearances:

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Bill Montford, CEO (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Florida Association of District School Superintendents

208 S. Monroe St.

Tallahassee FL 32301

Phone: (850)222-2280

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Jim Hamilton (Lobbyist) - Proponent

4031 Teal Way

Pensacola FL 32507

Phone: (813)624-2171

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Connie Milito, Chief Gov. Relations Officer (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Hillsborough County Public Schools

901 E. Hillsborough County

Tampa FL 33602

Phone: 813-272-4519

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Darvin Boothe (Lobbyist) - Proponent

School Board of Seminole County

1606 N. Westmoreland Dr.

Orlando FL 32804

Phone: 407-592-5263

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Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Wayne Blanton (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Florida School Boards Association

203 S. Monroe St.

Tallahassee FL 32301

Phone: 850-414-2578

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Andy Ford, President (Lobbyist) - Opponent

Florida Education Association

213 S. Adams St.

Tallahassee FL 32301

Phone: 850-222-4767

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Martin Miller, Consultant (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Duval County School Board

1612 Bay Circle West

Orange Park FL 32073

Phone: 904-537-0267

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Jim Cameron (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Wendy Dodge, Director - Government Affairs (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Polk School District

PO Box 391

Barton FL 32831

Phone: 863-838-3632

Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools

Scott Howat, Director, Governmental Relations (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Orange County Public Schools

445 W. Amelia St.

Orlando FL 32801

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Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

PCS for HB 543 : High School Science Assessment

Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Dwight Bullard		X			
Rachel V. Burgin	X				
Anitere Flores	X				
Clay Ford	X				
Erik Fresen	X				
Mia Jones	X				
Martin Kiar		X			
Rick Kriseman	X				
Charles McBurney	X				
Scott Plakon	X				
Kelli Stargel	X				
Ritch Workman	X				
John Legg (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 11		Total Nays: 2			

Appearances:

High School Science Assessment

Patricia Levesque, Executive Director (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Foundation for Florida's Future

215 S. Monroe St. Suite 100

Tallahassee FL 32301

Phone: 850-391-3074

High School Science Assessment

Cornalia Orr, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for ARM (State Employee) (At Request Of Chair) -
Information Only

Department of Education

325 W. Gaines St. Suite 414

Tallahassee FL 32399

Phone: 850-245-0513

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Summary:

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HB 157	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 0
HB 835	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 13	Nays: 0
HJR 919	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 10	Nays: 3
PCS for HB 543	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 2

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HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES

Amendment No. 001

Bill No. 835

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1 Council/Committee hearing bill: PreK-12 Policy Committee
2 Representative Legg offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove lines 211-215 and insert:

6 task force by November 1, 2009. All meetings shall be conducted
7 by teleconference.

8 (3) The task force is assigned to the Department of
9 Education for administrative purposes. Members of the task force
10 are not entitled to compensation. Members

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14 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

15 Remove lines 24-25 and insert:

16 department; designating members; requiring meetings by
17 teleconference; requiring the task force to submit a

HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES

Amendment No. 001

Bill No. 919

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1 Council/Committee hearing bill: PreK-12 Policy Committee
2 Representative(s) Weatherford offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Remove line 51 and insert:
6 extracurricular or virtual classes. Payment of the costs
7 associated with
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COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1 Council/Committee hearing bill: PreK-12 Policy Committee
2 Representative Kiar offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with ballot amendment)**

5 Remove line 48 and insert:

6 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each
7 teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 30 students.

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10 **B A L L O T A M E N D M E N T**

11 Remove lines 102-103 and insert:

12 public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3,
13 for grades 4 through 8, and for grades 9 through 12, limits

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1 Council/Committee hearing bill: PreK-12 Policy Committee
 2 Representative Kiar offered the following:

Amendment (with ballot amendment)

Remove lines 54-58 and insert:

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 6 districts. ~~Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year,~~ The
 7 legislature shall provide sufficient funds to maintain ~~reduce~~
 8 the average number of students required in each classroom ~~by at~~
 9 ~~least two students per year until the maximum number of students~~
 10 ~~per classroom does not exceed the requirements of this~~
 11 subsection.

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 14 **B A L L O T A M E N D M E N T**

Remove lines 105-107 and insert:

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 16 teacher in an individual classroom. Modifies requirements for
 17 funding to provide sufficient funds to maintain the average
 18 number of students required in each classroom. Clarifies that
 19 these class size requirements

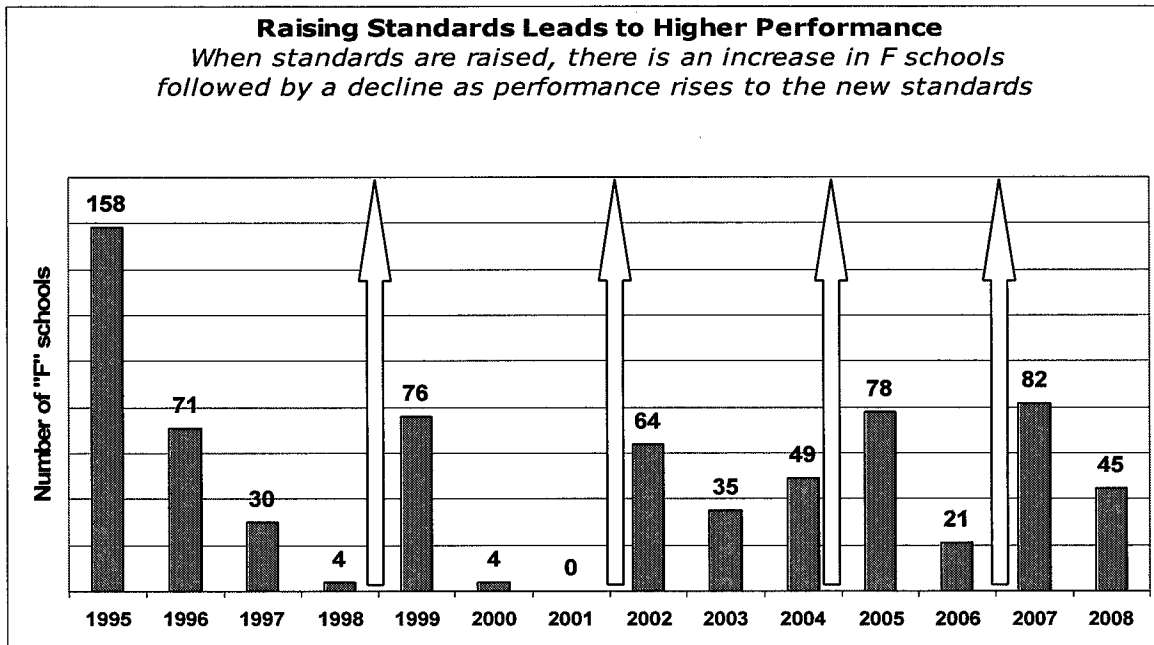


The Foundation for Florida's Future SUPPORTS

Proposed Committee Substitute for HB 543 Relating to Educational Assessment

The Foundation for Florida's Future advocates voting **YES** on the Proposed Committee Substitute for HB 543 in the House PreK-12 Committee on March 10th.

Thanks to bold education reform implemented a decade ago, more Florida students are reading and performing math on grade level than ever before. Recently, *Education Week* ranked Florida's quality of education tenth in the nation in its highly respected annual *Quality Counts* report – up from 14th in 2008 and 31st in 2007. Florida's rising student achievement and progress in narrowing the achievement gap is evidence that continuing to raise the bar for our children leads to incredible results:



This proposed committee substitute raises the bar by requiring all Florida students to take Biology for high school graduate. Additionally, this bill raises the bar by phasing in a Biology I end-of-course exam that will count toward a student passing the biology course (30 percent of the student's grade). This is the beginning of the Department of Education's gradual move to end-of-course exams as assessment testing at the high school level.

Increasing standards will better prepare our children for college and the workforce. Florida's rising student achievement is a result of a system based on high standards and accountability. This proposed committee substitute takes another step to continue our success by raising the expectations for Florida students once more.

Your support of our legislative priorities will be reflected in the grade you earn on Florida's Education Report Card, slated for release following the 2009 Legislative Session. If you have any questions, please contact Adam Peshek, Policy Analyst, at (850) 298-8571 or adam@afloridapromise.org.