



## 2024 BILL ASSESSMENTS

### REAL SOLUTIONS THAT IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING

Bill Number	Position	Reason
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 109, SB 246</b>  <b>Conversion Charter Schools</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>This expands upon the current law governing conversion charter schools. We have supported competition in the education marketplace and this will aid in it.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 1135, SB 1238</b>  <b>Anti-Grooming Bill</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>Currently under law there is not a definition for grooming, this bill would create one. We believe this definition must be created due to cases within schools of grooming but also for the protection of children outside of school.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 1, SB 1788</b>  <b>Social Media Use for Minors</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>Many of the bullying we have seen in schools start or are exacerbated on social media. Many fights on school properties are organized on social media. These incidents have created an unsafe environment for kids in school. Also, prolonged social media use has been linked to attention issues within the classrooms.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 1129, SB 1196</b>  <b>Harm to Minors</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>We believe this bill will have a positive impact on the issues we have seen arise from children being on one to one devices.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 1509</b>  <b>School Guardians</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>The employees of schools that participate in the Guardian program should not have their identity subject to public records.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HB 3, SB 1792</b>  <b>Age Verification for Online Materials Harmful to Minors</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>Currently any child in Florida can freely access obscene materials online even though the law is clear that a child should not be exposed to such material. This bill will stop this.</p>

<p><b>HB 599, SB 1382</b>  <b>Gender Identity</b>  <b>Employment Practices</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>This bill builds on the work of HB 1069 last year. We believe these same protections should be expanded to all employees.</p>
<p><b>HB 699, HB 697, SB 750, SB 752</b>  <b>State Legal Tender and Bullion Depository</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>This will provide families the ability to hedge against inflation.</p>
<p><b>HB 901, SB 1120</b>  <b>Display of Flags by Governmental Entities</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>This bill would ban flags from government property including schools from having flags associated with sexual orientation, politically partisan, or other political viewpoints. We have seen flags of this nature on school campuses throughout FL and this would address that.</p>
<p><b>HB 931, SB 1044</b>  <b>School Chaplains</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Support</b></p>	<p>We believe this program will be beneficial to students. This program is voluntary for both parents and the chaplains.</p>
<p><b>HB 111, SB 34</b>  <b>Termination of Pregnancies</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>Children should be taught to respect life. This would be taking a step backwards from the current laws on the books.</p>
<p><b>HB 131</b>  <b>Compulsory School Attendance</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>This bill would have a negative impact on home school families and other forms of education, many of which graduate children faster from high school than 18 years old.</p>
<p><b>HB 1403</b>  <b>School Choice (Bill to Remove the Hope Scholarship)</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>This bill would eliminate the Hope Scholarship. We believe this needs to be amended to protect victims.</p>
<p><b>HB 209, SB 130</b>  <b>Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>This would completely handicap the guardian program and make it almost impossible to implement a similar program at learning centers or schools run out of churches.</p>

<p><b>HB 427, SB 294</b>  <b>Instructional Hours For</b>  <b>Voluntary</b>  <b>Prekindergarten</b>  <b>Education Program</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>Even though VPK is voluntary, studies have shown that at this age children should spend time at home interacting with family. If this bill was to pass, it would increase the hours a child is away from the family.</p>
<p><b>SB 120</b>  <b>Child Care Services</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>We believe that this service needs to be offered by non-profit charity organizations not funded through the state.</p>
<p><b>SB 1414</b>  <b>Education</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>This bill is a step backwards from the legislation we supported last year.</p>
<p><b>SB 1450</b>  <b>Protection of the Right to an Abortion</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>Children should be taught to respect life. This would be taking a step backwards from the current laws on the books.</p>
<p><b>SB 7004</b>  <b>Deregulation of Public Schools</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Oppose</b></p>	<p>We believe this bill needs amendments. The biggest concern we have is the removal of the required retention for students that read at a level one in 3rd grade.</p>
<p><b>HB 1045, SB 994</b>  <b>Student Transportation Safety</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Traffic enforcement should be handled by county courts and local law enforcement, not by the school district.</p>
<p><b>HB 13, SB 136</b>  <b>Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Teachers</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>We do think there needs to be a restructuring of the current pay structure for teachers based on performance, however this bill does not do that. This bill also does not really result in a pay increase for experienced teachers.</p>
<p><b>HB 323, SB 152</b>  <b>Caregiving Youth</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>We acknowledge the fact that some students are currently caregivers for a family member, but we believe this bill overall would have a negative impact on students.</p>
<p><b>HB 439, SB 1318</b>  <b>Corporal Punishment</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Corporal punishment should be available to use in discipline measures with parental permission.</p>

<p><b>HB 553</b> <b>Career-themed Courses for Middle School</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>We support career themed courses but these courses should not be expanded to middle school.</p>
<p><b>HB 643</b> <b>Prohibited Discrimination Based on Hairstyle in the Education System</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>This is unnecessary due to discrimination laws in place.</p>
<p><b>HB 857, SB 786</b> <b>Youth Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Pilot Program</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>We do not believe this bill will address or help the issue of discipline and behavior in school.</p>
<p><b>SB 1430</b> <b>Social Media Protection for Minors</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>We believe SB 1788 is a better bill.</p>
<p><b>SB 166</b> <b>Protections for Public Employees Who Use Medical Marijuana as Qualified Patients</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>This is an unnecessary change to statute. Currently, an employee can seek an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act if the employer has a policy that forbids medical marijuana use.</p>
<p><b>SB 300</b> <b>Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch Program</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>The breakfast and lunch program in many counties is currently being underutilized. Many counties that have participated in one of these programs must also reserve a certain amount of money because it is a reimbursement program.</p>
<p><b>SB 52, HB 65</b> <b>Anaphylaxis in Public Schools</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>We believe the content of this bill has already been addressed in existing law.</p>
<p><b>SB 7002</b> <b>Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>We oppose as currently written.</p>

<p><b>SB 928</b>  <b>Required Instruction in the History of the Holocaust and the History of African Americans</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>We do not oppose the content of the instruction but rather the requirement of this education and increased regulation on private schools.</p>
<p><b>HB 1139, SB 1192</b>  <b>Required Instruction in History of African Americans</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>History should be taught without biases and we believe this bill will aid in that.</p>
<p><b>HB 123</b>  <b>Child Water Safety Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>This bill allows for greater child safety from drowning.</p>
<p><b>HB 139, SB 546</b>  <b>Access to High School Sports</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>This is an update in alignment to bills signed into law last year.</p>
<p><b>HB 1473, SB 1356</b>  <b>School Safety</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>We support the bill but we believe there needs to be an amendment to require all school districts to implement the full Guardian program.</p>
<p><b>HB 197, SB 896</b>  <b>Health Care Practitioners and Massage Therapy</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>This bill relates to stopping human/sex trafficking.</p>
<p><b>HB 255, SB 252</b>  <b>Psychiatric Treatments</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>Children should not be exposed to treatments of this nature.</p>
<p><b>HB 305, SB 312</b>  <b>Offenses Involving Children</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>This aligns the statute to the overall understanding that a minor is someone under 18.</p>
<p><b>HB 441, SB 432</b>  <b>Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>This adds a layer to student and staff safety at schools especially.</p>

<b>HB 465, SB 470 Postsecondary Education Students</b>	<b>Support</b>	We have seen many violent activities on Florida College Campuses of late surrounding the attack on Israel. We believe this bill will help address these violent activities.
<b>HB 483 Education (Computer Science)</b>	<b>Support</b>	Computer Science is a program that can use expansion in Florida.
<b>HB 545, SB 530 Florida High School Athletic Association Student Eligibility Requirements</b>	<b>Support</b>	This expands upon the work done last year on High school Sports Leagues and creating competition.
<b>HB 917 Career and Technical Education</b>	<b>Support</b>	Career and technical education is an important component to expand to allow students to have my choice in their career aspirations.
<b>HB 929, SB 916 School Readiness Program</b>	<b>Support</b>	This bill we provided needed reforms to the school readiness program.
<b>HJR 331, SJR 1060, SB 1062, HB 333 Assessments for School District Levies</b>	<b>Support</b>	School districts should be on the same playfield as other county agencies and not get special tax assessments.
<b>SB 114 College Applications</b>	<b>Support</b>	This is to codify the Supreme Court's holding last session that race-based admission decisions violate the Constitution.
<b>SB 394, HB 399 School Employees</b>	<b>Support</b>	A school should know the background of a potential employee. In particular this is important because almost all students are minors.
<b>SB 766 Luring or Enticing Children</b>	<b>Support</b>	The activity listed in this bill should be strengthened.

<b>SB 796 Combating Human Trafficking</b>	<b>Support</b>	Florida ranks as one of the highest states for human trafficking and with the amount of children trafficked we welcome legislation that will address this.
<b>SB 996 Virtual Instruction</b>	<b>Support</b>	We believe this bill will expand education options for families.
<b>HB 1027 Single-Sex Student Organizations</b>	<b>Support</b>	Male and female student organizations should be protected based on biological fact.