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Bill Number	Title	Description	Link
HB 19	School Safety	Permits Superintendent with approval of the school board to authorize school safety designees to carry concealed weapon or firearm on school property	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53035
HB 29	Financial Literacy Instruction	Requires a credit requirement in financial literacy for high school graduation & standard diploma	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53040
HB 61	Charter Schools	Requires charter school application to provide evidence of surety bond or secure escrow account to cover first year of operation	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53074
HB 77	Patriotic Film Screening	Requires certain middle and high school students to attend screening of a certain film	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53084
HB 85	Public School Instruction	Requires the instruction	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53085

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		about terrorist attacks occurring on September 11, 2001	se.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53089
SB 92	Financial Literacy Instruction	Requires a credit requirement in financial literacy for high school graduation & standard diploma	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0092
SB 96	Patriotic Film Screening	Requires certain middle and high school students to attend screening of a certain film	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0096
SB 100	Student Assessment	Prohibits school districts from scheduling more than a specified number of days to administer local and statewide assessments	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0100
HB 123	Disability Awareness	Requires each school district to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53132
SB 152	Disability Awareness	Requires each school district to provide	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0152

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		disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools	
SB 180	School Safety	Permits Superintendent with approval of the school board to authorize school safety designees to carry concealed weapon or firearm on school property	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0180
HB 181*	Educational Facilities	Provides school districts construction flexibility	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53197
SB 254	Charter Schools	Requires charter schools to demonstrate it meets certain needs that the local school district does not or is unable to provide to students in that district in order to obtain approval	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0254
HB 261	Teacher Salaries	Requires the Legislature to fund FEFP at level that ensures guaranteed minimum annual starting	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53283

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		salary for instructional personnel	
SB 280	Teacher Salaries	Requires the Legislature to fund FEFP at level that ensures guaranteed minimum annual starting salary for instructional personnel	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0280
SB 294	Florida Kidcare	Provides eligibility for medical assistance for certain lawfully residing children	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0294
HB 319	Education Property Tax Reform	Replaces revenue from required local effort school property tax and discretionary property taxes with revenue from sales surtax	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53334
SB 346	School Bus Stop Safety	Revises penalties associated with failure to stop upon approaching a school bus that displays a stop signal	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0346
HB 349	Opening and Closing of Public Schools	Revises the requirement for uniform opening date	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53334

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HB 357	Charter School District Pilot Program	Creates the Charter School District Pilot Program	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53353
SB 358	Public School Instruction	Requires the instruction about terrorist attacks occurring on September 11, 2001	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0358
SB 370	Students with Disabilities	Requires occupational skill training to be included in the IEP for students with disabilities	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0370
HB 393	Zero Tolerance Policies	Requires school districts to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to law enforcement	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53378
SB 448*	Educational Facilities	Provides school districts construction flexibility	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0448
HB 487	School Bus Stop Safety	Revises penalties associated with failure to stop upon approaching a school bus that displays a	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53433

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		stop signal	
SB 616	Education Accountability	Revising requirements for the administration of local assessments	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0616
SB 665*	Class Size Reduction	Revises calculation of the penalty associated with noncompliance with class size	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53742
SB 688	Opening and Closing of Public Schools	Revises the requirement for uniform opening date of public schools	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0688
SB 692	Charter Schools	Providing an exception to the prohibition on a high-performing charter school establishing more than one charter school in this state under specified circumstances	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0692
SB 695	Value Adjustment Board	Revises the value adjustment board process	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53778
SB 720	School Choice	Requiring a person or officer of an entity who submits a charter school	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0720

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		application to undergo background screening	
HB 723	Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts	Amends Florida Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts Program; revises definitions, program eligibility criteria, & requirements for notification of participation in program; authorizes program funds to be used for specific purposes; revises duties of DOE; revises contents of parent agreement; authorizes creation of annual learning plan; requires priority be given to certain students for admittance into program; authorizes certain funds to roll over from year-to-year; provides for administrative & program costs	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53800

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HB 761	Graduation Transition Program	Creates ESOL Graduation Transition Program within DOE; provides for eligibility program requirements; requires eligible student to continue taking certain classes while enrolled in program; directs DOE to adopt rules.	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53870
SB 774	Education Accountability	Providing that the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics online assessments may not be fully implemented until certain technology infrastructure, connectivity, and capacity have been tested, verified, and certified as ready; specifying that, for the purpose of the student assessment program, state and local student assessment programs	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0774

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		must use the minimum amount of testing necessary; providing that the PSAT, SAT, and ACT are tests that may be accepted in lieu of a common placement test to assess student college readiness; revising the personnel evaluation procedures and criteria, including student learning assessments	
SB 818*	Class Size Reduction	Revises calculation of the penalty associated with noncompliance with class size	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0818
HB 855	K-12 Educational Instruction	Creates State Seal of Biliteracy; creates English Language Learners Advisory Council; requires DOE to provide for development & adoption of statewide, standardized assessments in certain	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=53973

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		languages; revises components used to establish school grades to include certain Learning Gains of English language learners.	
HB 875	Education	Requires DOE to rank school numerically based on specific criteria & provide liability insurance to instructional personnel; authorizes certain schools to hire uncertified personnel to teach in academic field under certain circumstances.	http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=54012
SB 906	Charter Schools	Requiring an application for a charter school to contain a list of certain information regarding all charter schools currently or previously operated by the applicant, applicant group, or proposed management company	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0906

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SB 952	Charter School District Pilot Program	Creating the Charter School District Pilot Program; requiring district school boards participating in the pilot program to allocate a specified percentage of certain funds to participating schools; providing additional authority and responsibilities of the principal of a participating school in a charter school district, etc.	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0952
SB 972*	Value Adjustment Board	Establishing deadlines for value adjustment boards to complete final tax roll certifications; revising the interest rate upon which unpaid and overpaid ad valorem taxes accrue; authorizing the district school board and district county commission to	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0972

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		audit certain expenses of the value adjustment board; revising the entities that may represent a taxpayer before the value adjustment board, etc.	
SB 1008	Seclusion & Restraint on Students with Disabilities	Requiring that manual physical restraint be used only in an emergency when there is an imminent risk of serious injury or death to a student or others; prohibiting the use of manual physical restraint by school personnel who are not certified to use district-approved methods for applying restraint techniques; prohibiting school personnel from placing a student in seclusion; requiring that parents be notified of a school district's policies	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/1008

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		regarding the use of manual physical restraint, etc.	
SB 1036	Charter Schools	Requiring a charter school application and charter to document that the governing board is independent of a management company; specifying circumstances under which a student is considered to have voluntarily withdrawn from a charter school; establishing procedures and requirements for audits and investigations of charter schools; deleting provisions relating to performance contracts for innovation schools of technology, etc.	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/1036
SB 1038	Charter Schools	Creating the “Charter School Excellence Act”; specifying the duties and	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/1038

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		<p>responsibilities of the Department of Education with respect to the issuance of statements of need; requiring an applicant to file a letter of intent with the department before applying for a statement of need; authorizing the department to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed project under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from undertaking a project subject to review without holding a statement of need, etc.</p>	
SB 1074	Graduation Transition Program	<p>Creating the ESOL Graduation Transition Program within the Department of Education; requiring an eligible student to continue taking</p>	<p>http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/1074/?Tab=BillHistory</p>

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		certain classes while enrolled in the program, etc.	
SB 7006	Early Childhood	Revising certain minimum standards for child care facilities	http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/7006