



Legislative Update #4

March 19, 2021

The conclusion of the third week of session saw several bills of interest to PTA move forward. Bills passed by committees this week are highlighted in yellow, bills that passed the entire House or Senate are highlighted in green.

Bills that moved this week

HB 5, Civic Education Curriculum passed all its committees and is now on the House floor. **HB 51** has passed the Early Learning and Elementary Education Subcommittee. **HB 529** (Moments of Silence) passed the House. **HB 1475** (Sex-specific Student Athletic Teams or Sports) passed its first committee.

SB 86 (Bright Futures) passed the Senate Education Committee and is on its way to the next committee. College and even high school students from around the state, traveled to the Capitol to testify against the bill. The bill passed on a party line vote. This bill has no House companion yet. **SB 146** (Civic Education) and **SB 380**, (Child Restraint Requirements) passed the Senate. Thank you for your calls and emails to our senators in support of this bill.

We encourage you to visit the House and Senate web sites to view all the bills that have been filed this session. The links below will take you to the appropriate site.

House bills: <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/bills.aspx>

Senate Bills: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bills/2021>

Committee meetings and floor sessions can be viewed at:

Senate: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Media/VideoSchedule>

House: <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/HouseSchedule/houseschedule.aspx>

The Florida Channel <https://thefloridachannel.org/>

Thank you for your advocacy.

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Bill List 2021

SB= Senate Bill HB= House Bill CS = Committee Substitute

Links to PTA position statements are below the bill

Bill Number	Title	Sponsor
HB 5	Civic Education Curriculum	Zika
SB 1450	Civic Education Curriculum	Rodriguez
CS/SB 48	Educational Scholarship Programs	Education, Diazhttps://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Private-School-Vouchers-and-School-Choice
HB 51	Charter Schools	McClain
SB 1028	Charter Schools	Hutson
	https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Individual-Position-Statements/Public-Charter-Schools-Position-Statement	
SB 86	Student Financial Aid	Baxley
	https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Individual-Position-Statements/Position-Statement-Education-Emphasis	
SB 146: Civic Education	Passed in the Senate	Brandes
CS/HB 611:	Civic Literacy Education Secondary Education and Career Development Subcommittee -- on the House Floor for a final vote	
HB 149	Students with Disabilities in Public Schools	DuBose
SB 192	Students with Disabilities in Public Schools	Book
	https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Individual-Position-Statements/position-statement---education-of-children-with-special-needs	
CS/SB 200	Student Retention	Berman
HB 1025	Student Retention	Skidmore
	https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Individual-PTA-Resolutions/Resolution-on-Parent-Involvement-in-Site-Based-Shared-Decision-Making	
SB 282	Moments of Silence in Public Schools	Baxley
HB 529	Moments of Silence in Public Schools passed The House	Fine
	https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Individual-Position-Statements/Position-Statement-Role-of-Religion-in-Publicly-Funded-Educational-and-Social-Services	

HB 297 Child Restraint Requirements Hinson
SB 380 Child Restraint Requirements **passed the Senate** Perry
<https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Individual-PTA-Resolutions/Resolution-on-Safety>

HB 359 COVID-19 Impact on School Accountability Bartleman
SB 886 COVID-19 Impact on School Accountability Thurston
<https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Individual-Position-Statements/Position-Statement-Assessment>

HB 1447 Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Hunschofsky
SB 1888 Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Book
<https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions/Individual-Position-Statements/Position-Statement-Early-Identification-and-Interventions-for-Children-with-Mental-Health-Needs>

HB 1475: Sex-specific Student Athletic Teams or Sports Tuck
SB 2012: Promoting Equality of Athletic Opportunity Stargel
<https://www.pta.org/docs/default-source/files/advocacy/position-statements/harmful-sexual-orientation-and-identity-change-position-statement.pdf>
<https://www.pta.org/docs/default-source/files/advocacy/2016-approved-convention-resolutions/recognition-of-lgbtq-individuals-as-a-protected-class-r.pdf>

