

Ques on the Hill 2024 – Day 2 *Stepping up for the Cause* Stances and Bills to Lobby

House Form _____, Florida Lighthouse At-Risk Mentorship Program

Representative Christopher Benjamin, Senator Corey Simon

Budget Item _____ Mentoring Student Assistance Initiatives

Omega Lamplighters are requesting funding for their Lighthouse at-risk mentorship program to strengthen students' career and math pathways, while also working to reduce crimes committed by local youth. Funds will be used to purchase additional laptops, tablets, after-school reading and literacy materials, enrichment workshops and college tours. Funding will be used to expand existing in- and after-school math & literacy mentorship programs

Requested Funds: \$250,000

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Related Bill HB 3647

[SB 562 Harassment of Election Workers](#)

Senator Darryl Rouson

Prohibiting a person from intimidating, threatening, coercing, harassing, or attempting to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass an election worker with specified intent; providing criminal penalties, etc.

Related Bills HB 721

[HB 663 Establishment of Paternity](#)

Representative Christopher Benjamin

Creates presumption of legal father; authorizes certain persons to rebut such presumption by filing petition to determine paternity; provides requirements relating to petition, appointment of guardian ad litem & attorney ad litem, evidentiary hearings & trial, burden of proof, genetic testing, objections to test results, determining best interests of child, & final order determining paternity; authorizes & provides requirements for court to approve, grant, or modify parenting plan & establish child support orders.

Related Bills SB 1402

[HB 127 Paid Parental Leave](#)

Representative Ashley Gantt

Requires state to provide paid parental leave to certain employees for specified time period; prohibits state from requiring that employee use his or her annual or sick leave for paid parental leave; provides employee is entitled to accumulate specified benefits during such leave; prohibits state from refusing to grant such leave.

Related Bills SB 128

[HB 13 Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Teachers](#)

Representative Jervonte Edmonds

Citing this act as the "Save Our Teachers Act"; increasing the minimum base salary for full-time classroom teachers and certain prekindergarten teachers, etc.

Related Bills SB 136 Berman

SB 24 Pub. Rec./Reform School Abuse Victims

Senator Darryl Rouson

Citing this act as the "Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Abuse Victim Certification Act"; requiring a person seeking certification as a victim of Florida reform school abuse to apply to the Department of State by a specified date; authorizing the estate, personal representative, next of kin, or lineal descendants of a decedent who was a victim of Florida reform school abuse to submit an application on behalf of the decedent; requiring the department to review and process a completed application within a certain timeframe, etc.

Related Bills HB 21, HB 23, SB 26

SB 164 Solutions for Mental Health Professional Shortages

Senator Tina Polsky, Rosalind Osgood

Establishing a mental health profession scholarship and loan forgiveness program within the Department of Health for a specified purpose; providing for applicant eligibility and the award of scholarships; specifying service obligations for scholarship recipients; providing for applicant eligibility and the award of loan repayments, etc.

Related Bills HB 147

HB 249 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots Loans and Scholarships

Representative LaVon Bracy Davis (CO-SPONSORS) Anna Eskamani

Requires Department of Commerce to prioritize certain applications for Black Business Loan Program; creates Ocoee Scholarship Program for specified recipients; provides requirements for such program & for funding

Related Bills SB 926 Thompson

SB 300 Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch Program

Senator Lori Berman

Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to establish and operate a program to provide universal free school breakfast and lunch meals to all public school students; deleting provisions requiring school districts to implement and charge students for a breakfast program; authorizing school districts to operate free school meal programs using offsite food preparation locations, etc.

Related Bills HB 477

HB 325 Task Force on Missing and Murdered African-American Women

Representative Felicia Robinson

Creates task force; specifies duties; provides membership; provides for officers & meetings; requires report; provides for expiration of task force.

Related Bills SB 354

SB 344 Required Instruction in the History of African Americans

Senator Shevrin Jones

Prohibiting specified instruction and state academic standards from indicating or implying that an enslaved person benefited from slavery or the enslavement experience in any way, etc.

Related Bills HB 1521

HB 361 School Readiness Program

Representative Ashley Gantt

Revises definition for term "economically disadvantaged" for purposes of school readiness program.

Related Bills SB 342

HB 417 Educational Services in Department of Juvenile Justice Programs

Representative Johanna López, Susan Plasencia (CO-SPONSORS) Anna Eskamani

Requires school districts to annually provide certain students in juvenile justice program with at least one opportunity to take high school equivalency examination at no cost to student.

Related Bills SB 1266

SB 430 Florida High School Athletic Association

Senator Corey Simon

Requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt bylaws requiring member schools to provide certain health care services to student athletes; providing minimum requirements for such bylaws, etc.

Related Bills HB 1479, SB 1776

HB 445 Water Safety

Representative Felicia Robinson

Requires comprehensive age-appropriate & developmentally appropriate K-12 instruction on water safety; specifies requirements for such instruction; requires students to be provided with literature on water safety.

Related Bills SB 428

HB 537 Student Achievement

Representative Susan Valdés

Requires certified school counselor to provide specified academic counseling to freshmen students; prohibits students from participating in their school's graduation ceremony; revises requirements for certain assessment graduation requirements; creates Music-based Supplemental Content to Accelerate Learner Engagement & Success Pilot Program within DOE.

Related Bills SB 590

SB 620 School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program

Senator Corey Simon

Establishing the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; providing for the award of stipends for classroom teacher mentorship, subject to appropriation; providing program requirements relating to program contracts, standards, mentor requirements, and meeting requirements, etc.

Related Bills HB 393

[HB 643 Prohibited Discrimination Based on Hairstyle in the Education System](#)

Representative Fentrice Driskell

Prohibits discrimination based on protected hairstyle in Florida K-20 public education system; provides that term "race" includes protected hairstyles for purposes of United States Code within public & private education system

Related Bills SB 686

[HB 711 Coverage for Mammograms and Supplemental Breast Cancer Screenings](#)

Representative Dianne Hart

Requires AHCA to provide coverage for yearly mammograms & yearly supplemental breast cancer screenings for certain women; revises coverages for mammograms under certain individual accident & health insurance policies, group, blanket, & franchise accident & health insurance policies, & HMOs; requires coverages for supplemental breast cancer screenings under such policies & contracts.

Related Bills SB 670

[SB 786 Youth Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Pilot Program](#)

Senator Bobby Powell

Creating the Youth Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Pilot Program, subject to legislative appropriation; requiring the Commissioner of Education to select a certain number of middle schools to participate in the pilot program; requiring the commissioner to select a nonprofit organization to implement the pilot program; requiring the nonprofit organization to provide a report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Department of Education, etc

Related Bills HB 857

[HB 847 School Readiness Program](#)

Representative Robin Bartleman (CO-SPONSORS) Marie Woodson

Revises criteria for child to receive priority for participation in school readiness program; provides eligibility requirements for school readiness program provider to receive specified funding.

Related Bills SB 1400 Jones

[HB 859 Grandparent Visitation](#)

Representative Johanna López

Revises criteria required for grandparent of minor child to petition court for grandparent visitation.

Related Bills SB 956 Thompson

[SB 970 Education](#)

Senator Geraldine Thompson

Citing this act as the "Florida Educational Freedoms Act"; providing that faculty of state universities and Florida College System institutions have the right to engage in collective bargaining; requiring the State Board of Education to ensure that Florida College System intuitions are not subject to political influence in academic affairs; requiring each district school board to ensure that students and personnel are not subject to ideological training or

instruction; providing that K-12 students and their parents have the right not to be recorded or surveilled in the classroom without express consent, etc.

Related Bills HB 899 Hinson

[SB 948 Divine Nine Specialty License Plate](#)

Senator Geraldine Thompson

Defining the term “immediate relative”; revising eligibility requirements for a Divine Nine license plate, etc.

Related Bills

[HB 1085 Required Life Skills Instruction](#)

Representative Daryl Campbell, Dan Daley

Revises required instruction in Life skills that build confidence, support mental & emotional health, & enable students to overcome challenges to include career readiness, financial literacy, & home economics.

Related Bills

[HB 1197 Early Child Care Universal Voucher Program](#)

Representative Angie Nixon

Establishes Early Child Care Universal Voucher Program; & provides program, funding, ELC, DOE, provider, student, & parent requirements.

Related Bills SB 1288

[HB 1227 Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day](#)

Representative Bruce Antone

Designates Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day, which occurs on fourth Thursday in March, as legal holiday.

Related Bills SB 1312

[HB 1357 Mental Health Education and Training](#)

Representative Michele Rayner

Requires all persons working in roles involving direct interaction with youth to undergo mental health education & training; provides requirements for education & training; requires DCF to establish & maintain dedicated spaces easily accessible to youth for dissemination of information & resources related to mental health; provides that department, in collaboration with relative agencies, is responsible for implementation & enforcement.

Related Bills SB 1334 Rouson

[HB 1399 Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#)

Representative Dianne Hart (CO-SPONSORS) Christine Hunschofsky

Provides appropriation to DOE for increased security measures at public & private historically black colleges & universities in state; requires reversion of unexpended funds; & provides for future appropriation

Related Bills

[HB 1383 Reduction in Black Female and Women's Maternal Mortality Grant Program](#)

Representative Bruce Antone and Marie Woodson

Establishes Reduction In Black Female & Women's Maternal Mortality Grant Program within DOH; provides purpose & requirements for program; & provides appropriation.

Related Bills SB 1462 Osgood

[SB 1414 Education](#)

Senator Tracie Davis

Citing this act as the "Freedom to Learn Act"; repealing provisions relating to prohibited training or instruction in specified concepts which constitutes discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex; prohibiting school districts from adopting a procedure that compels or authorizes school personnel to share certain information with a parent under certain circumstances; requiring instruction in LGBTQ history in public schools, etc.

Related Bills HB 1355

[HB 1463 Grounds for Termination of Parental Rights](#)

Representative Fentrice Driskell

Prohibits DCF & either party to dissolution of marriage proceeding from filing petition for termination of parental rights solely because parent of child is qualified patient using medical marijuana; prohibits court from granting petition for termination of parental rights solely because parent of child is qualified patient using medical marijuana

Related Bills SB 1496

[SB 1610 Financial Accountability in Publicly Funded Education](#)

Senator Rosalind Osgood

Revising requirements for a private school to participate in certain educational scholarship programs; requiring the Department of Education to suspend the payment of funds to participating private schools under certain circumstances; creating the K-12 Education Funding Task Force within the department, etc.

Related Bills HB 1193

[SB 1614 High School Graduation Requirements](#)

Senator Bobby Powell

Authorizing students earning a standard high school diploma through the Career and Technical Education graduation pathway option to meet a certain assessment requirement by earning a specified score on the Mathematics Postsecondary Education Readiness Test, etc.

Related Bills HB 1445

[HB 1667 Florida Academic Scholars Award](#)

Representative Kevin Chambliss and Dan Daley

Requires students awarded Florida Academic Scholars award within Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to receive additional funds in certain semesters for textbooks.

Related Bills