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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Kristen Arrington’s (D-Kissimmee)** legislation to establish a Bright Futures mentorship program has passed the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee unanimously.

**HB 895** is aimed at increasing students’ access to other students who have utilized the Bright Futures program. By having a certified school counselor connect with students earlier and more often, students will be more informed about the Bright Futures program and where they stand in the process. The school counselor would be required to review eligibility requirements with students so they can be updated and informed of their status relating to the program, as well as go over the awards the student is on track to be eligible for.

“This legislation aims to inform students about the Bright Futures program earlier and more often, as well as provide them with success stories from other students. Bright Futures is such a wonderful program in the state of Florida and we hope that this legislation will allow students to take advantage of it. I’m so grateful our bill contest resulted in such a wonderful idea that will help so many students across the state” said **Representative Arrington**.

**HB 895** heads to the Education & Employment Committee – its third stop.

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