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**Committee on Education Innovation  
& Career Preparation  
Action Packet**

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

9:30 am — 11:30 am

116 K

**Speaker**  
**Marco Rubio**

**Chair**  
**Thad Altman**



**The Florida House of Representatives**  
**Schools and Learning Council**  
**Committee on Education Innovation & Career Preparation**

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**Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, February 5, 2008**  
**116 K**  
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- I. Opening Remarks by Chair Altman**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Consideration of the following bill:**  
**HB 213 Education by Legg**
- IV. Closing Comments / Meeting Adjourned**

# COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

## Committee on Education Innovation & Career Preparation

2/5/2008 9:30:00AM

Location: 116 Knott Building

### Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Thad Altman (Chair)	X		
Kevin Ambler	X		
Marcelo Llorente	X		
Janet Long	X		
Charles McBurney	X		
Mitch Needelman			X
Betty Reed			X
Ron Schultz	X		
Perry Thurston	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

Committee meeting was reported out: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 10:46:42AM

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2/5/2008 9:30:00AM

Location: 116 Knott Building

HB 213 : Education

Favorable With Amendments (1)

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Kevin Ambler	X				
Marcelo Llorente	X				
Janet Long	X				
Charles McBurney	X				
Mitch Needelman			X		
Betty Reed			X		
Ron Schultz	X				
Perry Thurston	X				
Thad Altman (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 7</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

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**Summary:**

**Committee on Education Innovation & Career Preparation**

*Tuesday February 05, 2008 09:30 am*

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HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES

Amendment No. 1 (for drafter's use only)

Bill No. HB 213

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	___	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	___	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>Y</u>	<del>O</del> /N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	___	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	___	(Y/N)
OTHER	_____	

1 Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Innovation and Career  
 2 Preparation  
 3 Representative(s) Legg offered the following:  
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**Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
 8 1000.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 1000.05 Discrimination against students and employees in  
 10 the Florida K-20 public education system prohibited; equality of  
 11 access required.--

12 (2)

13 (d) Students may be separated by gender for a single-  
 14 gender program under s. 1002.311, for any portion of a class  
 15 that deals with human reproduction or during participation in  
 16 bodily contact sports. For the purpose of this section, bodily  
 17 contact sports include wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey,  
 18 football, basketball, and other sports in which the purpose or  
 19 major activity involves bodily contact.

20 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
 21 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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22 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.--Parents of public  
23 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
24 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
25 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
26 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
27 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

28 (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE.--

29 (a) Public school choices.--Parents of public school  
30 students may seek whatever public school choice options that are  
31 applicable to their students and are available to students in  
32 their school districts. These options may include controlled  
33 open enrollment, single-gender programs, lab schools, charter  
34 schools, charter technical career centers, magnet schools,  
35 alternative schools, special programs, advanced placement, dual  
36 enrollment, International Baccalaureate, International General  
37 Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), Advanced  
38 International Certificate of Education, early admissions, credit  
39 by examination or demonstration of competency, the New World  
40 School of the Arts; the Florida School for the Deaf and the  
41 Blind, and the Florida Virtual School. These options may also  
42 include the public school choice options of the Opportunity  
43 Scholarship Program and the McKay Scholarships for Students with  
44 Disabilities Program.

45 Section 3. Section 1002.311, Florida Statutes, is created  
46 to read:

47 1002.311.-- Single-gender programs authorized.

48 (1) Subject to subsection (2) and in accordance with 34  
49 C.F.R. s. 106.34, a district school board may establish and  
50 maintain a nonvocational class, extracurricular activity, or  
51 school for elementary, middle, or high school students in which

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52 enrollment is limited to a single gender if the school district  
53 also makes available a substantially equal:

54 (a) Single-gender class, extracurricular activity, or  
55 school to students of the other gender; and

56 (b) Coeducational class, extracurricular activity, or  
57 school to all students.

58 (2) A district school board that establishes a single-  
59 gender class, extracurricular activity, or school:

60 (a) May not require participation by any student. The  
61 district school board must ensure that participation in the  
62 single-gender class, extracurricular activity, or school is  
63 voluntary.

64 (b) Must evaluate each single-gender class,  
65 extracurricular activity, or school in the school district at  
66 least once every 2 years in order to ensure that it is in  
67 compliance with this section and 34 C.F.R. s. 106.34.

68 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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71 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

72 Remove the entire title and insert:

73 An act relating to education; amending s. 1000.05, F.S;  
74 providing that students may be separated by gender for specified  
75 single-gender programs; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing  
76 that public school choice options may include single-gender  
77 programs; creating s. 1002.311, F.S.; authorizing district  
78 school boards to establish a nonvocational class,  
79 extracurricular activity, or school in which enrollment is  
80 limited to students of a single gender; providing conditions for  
81 such authorization; requiring that students' participation in  
82 single-gender programs be voluntary; requiring evaluation of



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83 single-gender programs every two years; providing an effective  
84 date  
85