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- **Total House Proposed Budget: \$91.1 billion**
 - General Revenue Funds \$34.0 billion
 - State Trust Funds \$24.2 billion
 - Federal Funds \$32.9 billion
- **Per Capita Spending**
 - Fiscal Year 2019-20 SB 2500 GAA-\$4,250.41
- **Compared to the FY 2018-19 Budget-- Increase of \$1,792.1 million from FY 2018-19 (2.0%)**
 - General Revenue Funds – increase of \$1,175.5 million (3.6 %)
 - State Trust Funds – decrease of \$700.9 million (-2.8 %)
 - Federal Funds – increased by \$975.7 million (4.2 %)
- **Compared to the Base Budget -- Increase of \$16.7 billion (22.5 %)**
 - General Revenue Funds – increase of \$2.2 billion (7.0%)
 - State Trust Funds – increase of \$8.3 billion (52.4 %)
 - Federal Funds – increase of \$6.2 billion (23.1%)
- **State FTE**
 - FY 2019-20 FTE = 112,860
 - FY 2018-19 FTE = 112,874
 - Net Decrease of 14.7; (0.0 %)
- **Reserves -- \$ 3.3 billion**
 - General Revenue Fund = \$1.0 billion
 - Budget Stabilization Fund = \$1.6 billion
 - Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund = \$766.0 million
- **Trust Fund Sweeps -- \$ 336.5 million**
 - Agriculture & Natural Resources - \$ 70.0 million
 - Government Operations & Technology - \$ 46.0 million
 - Transportation & Tourism - \$ 150 million
 - Health - \$70.5 million
- **Hurricane Response**
 - \$5.0 million for Rural Infrastructure Grants
 - \$17 million for specific community hurricane initiatives
 - \$3.3 million for Division of Emergency Management staff to assist with federal reimbursement requests and small county grants to assist up to eight county emergency operations centers.



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- \$25 million for a Hurricane Michael Grant Recovery Program to fund grants to assist with mitigation of local and county revenue losses and operating deficits; infrastructure repair and replacement; beach renourishment and debris removal.
- \$115 million for hurricane housing initiatives.
- \$14.2 million for hurricane relief for school districts including Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties.
- \$64.1 million provided to State Risk Management for repair of buildings and facilities of state agencies and universities damaged by Hurricanes Michael and Irma.
- \$2.2 billion (\$271 million in state matching funds) for federally declared disasters grants to repair damage and protect areas through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). This includes grant funding for Hurricanes Michael as well as continued costs for hurricanes Irma, Hermine and Matthew.



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Employee Salary and Benefit Issues and Other Statewide Issues

Employee Benefit Issues:

Total Salary Increase ¹ : Florida Retirement System Employer	\$26.1 million GR	\$5.2 million TF
Contribution Increase - State: State Health Insurance Employer	\$58.1 million GR	\$9.2 million TF
Premium Increase ² :	<u>\$31.3 million GR</u>	<u>\$20.2 million TF</u>
Total Benefit Issues:	\$115.5 million GR	\$34.6 million TF

Salary Increase Details:

Agency	Description	GR	TF
Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Provides a 3 percent increase to agency sworn officers covered by the PBA and select other law enforcement classes,		3,577,647
Department of Military Affairs	Funds are provided to grant military personnel of the Florida National Guard on full-time military duty a pay raise to comply with law.	109,324	
Department of Children and Families	Provides a \$2,500 salary increase to Institutional Security Specialists	536,948	15,781
Department of Children and Families	Provides funds to implement the competitive pay plan submitted in the agency's Legislative Budget Request (LBR).	2,485,797	
State Attorneys and Public Defenders	Increases the salaries of Assistant State Attorneys and Assistant Public defenders to \$50,000, effective October 1, 2019.	4,731,891	1,063,819
State Courts	Funds are provided to address recruitment and retention issues, as well as salary equity concerns. An implementation plan is to be submitted to the House, Senate and Governor	9,790,235	515,736
Guardian Ad Litem	Provides a \$1,200 salary increase to employees in attorney job classes.	258,824	
Department of Corrections	Provides a \$2,500 salary increase to correctional probation officers.	7,146,947	7,153
Florida Election Commission	Provides a salary increase of \$6,000 to two Senior Attorneys		15,000
Assistant Regional Criminal Conflict and Regional Counsels	Provides assistant regional counsels defenders, with three or less years of service, a \$2,000 salary increase and a \$4,000 increase to those with more than three years of service. Limits the increase to those making \$75,000 or less, but provides adjustment for those making just over the cutoff.	1,085,402	
Totals		26,145,368	5,195,136



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¹ Did **not** provide funding for an across-the-board increase.

Employee Benefit Issues:

- **No increase** in employee health insurance premiums.
- Implemented a Pharmacy Formulary in the State Group Insurance Health Plan. **\$13.7 million in GR and \$9.2 million in TF savings.**
- Implemented a 4 percent increase in employer health insurance premiums, effective December 1, 2019. **\$31.3 million GR and \$20.2 million of TFs².**

² Cost associated with the premium increase is net of the savings associated with the Pharmacy Formulary implementation.

Statewide Issues:

- **Fully funds the Unfunded Actuarial Liability and Normal Costs** of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) (see chart below for fiscal).

Cost (millions \$)	UAL and Normal Costs	
Entities Funded by the State	GR	TF
State	15.9	9.2
County School Boards	35.0	
State Universities	4.1	
State Colleges	3.1	
<i>Totals</i>	58.1	9.2

Other Entities Not Funded by the State	
Municipalities/Special	48.1
Districts/Other	7.3
<i>Grand Totals</i>	122.7

Division of Emergency Management

- Provided funds for state match for federally declared disaster - **\$270.1 million in GR.**
- State Risk Management Trust Fund due to damage to state facilities by recent hurricanes - **\$26.2m in GR, \$2.9m in TFs**
- Provided funds for Domestic Security projects - **\$33.9 million in TFs.**



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Education Fixed Capital Outlay Totals

Overview

The overall budget for Education Fixed Capital Outlay totals \$1,581.4 (\$42.4 M from GR and \$1,539.0 M from trust funds). \$1,239.4 million is associated with debt service on various bonds authorized in prior years including, public education capital outlay (PECO), class size reduction, classrooms first bonds. PECO revenues budgeted for projects total \$280.4 million based on the March 2019 revenue estimating conference. There is no bonding for PECO in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Highlights

- **Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO):** The Conference Report contains a total of \$322.8 million for PECO (\$42.4 M in GR and \$280.4 M from the PECO TF consistent with EDR's PECO March 2019 estimate) for the following projects:
 - **Charter School Capital Outlay** – \$158.2 M
 - **Special Facilities Construction** - \$32.3 M as follows:
 - Liberty County – \$6.1 M (FINAL Year of 3)
 - Jackson – \$19.1 M - (FINAL of 3 years)
 - Gilchrist County – \$7.2 M (2nd Year of 3 years)
 - **Developmental Research Schools (Lab Schools)** - \$29.5 M including \$6.5 million distributed among all lab schools pursuant to s.1002.32, F.S., \$11.5 Million for a K-8 school at the A.D. Henderson University Lab School, and \$11.5 million for the PK Yonge Secondary School Facility.
 - **Other PECO Projects** - \$7.1 M for various fixed capital outlay projects including Florida School for the Deaf and Blind (\$2.8 M), Public Broadcasting (\$2.9 M) , Division of Blind Services (\$.4 M), and the Hernando DSB Vocational Program (\$1 M)
 - **University Projects** - \$107.2 M is provided for 8 university Construction/Remodeling/Renovation projects:
 - USF Morsani College of Medicine and Heart Health Institute - \$12.4 M
 - FAU Jupiter STEM/Life Sciences Building - \$11.0 M
 - UF Data Science and Information Technology Building - \$25.0 M
 - FAMU Student Affairs Building (CASS) - \$24.8 M
 - FAU A.D. Henderson/FAU High Developmental Research School K-8 Replacement Facility - \$11.5 M
 - FGCU School of Integrated Watershed and Coastal Studies - \$9.0 M
 - UF PK Yonge Secondary School Facility Phase II - \$11.5 M
 - UNF Roy Lassiter Hall Renovations - \$2.0 M
 - **Florida Colleges Project** - \$11.3 M is provided for 3 university Construction/Remodeling/Renovation projects:
 - Florida Gateway College - Renovate/Add Science Bldg #25-Bradenton – \$2.0 M



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- State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota - Replace Facility 8 Industrial Tech-Main – \$4.2 M
- Daytona State College - Const Clsm/Lab/Office, site imp-Deltona – \$5.1 M
- **Capital Improvement Fee Projects-** \$44.0 M – Funds university fixed capital outlay projects from capital improvement fee revenues.



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Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations

Overview

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriation Subcommittee overall proposed budget totals \$4.0 billion (\$537.5 million General Revenue and \$3.4 billion Trust Funds). Includes funding for 8,751 authorized positions.

There is a 0.9% decrease in the total spending and a 19.4% increase in general revenue funds over the current fiscal year appropriation, including an increase of 52 FTE.

Highlights

- **Everglades Restoration and Protection of Florida's Water Resources \$686.8 M** (*\$40M TF for Tamiami Trail is funded in the Department of Transportation's work program*)
 - **Everglades Restoration \$327.2 M (\$74.5 M GR)** – provides \$196.3 M (\$72.8 M GR) in new funding for Everglades restoration (including \$4.0 M TF in the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services for agricultural nutrient reduction and water retention projects in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed).
 - **Springs Restoration \$100.0 M TF** – provides for springs restoration, protection, and preservation around the state.
 - **Everglades Water Quality Improvements \$50.0 M GR** – provides funds for the design, engineering, and construction of projects that reduce harmful discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries.
 - **Water Projects \$49.1 M GR** – provides for various stormwater and wastewater treatment and various water supply projects in local communities.
 - **Alternative Water Supply Projects \$40.0 M (\$39.0 M GR)** – provides funds for grants for alternative water supply and regional water supply initiatives.
 - **Targeted Water Quality Improvements for Wastewater and Stormwater Grants \$25.0 M GR** – provides funds for water quality improvement projects, including septic to sewer grants, wastewater improvements, and stormwater system upgrades.
 - **Targeted Water Quality Improvements for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) \$25.0 M GR** – provides funds for grants to local governments for stormwater quality restoration projects and nonpoint source best management practices as part of the plans set forth in adopted Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs).
 - **Water Quality Improvements \$10.8 M GR** – provides funds for water quality improvements, including increased water quality monitoring, creation of a water quality public information portal, and support for the Blue-Green Algae Task Force.
 - **Innovative Technologies for Harmful Algal Blooms \$10.0 M GR** – provides funds for innovative technologies and short-term solutions to address harmful algal blooms and nutrient pollution of Florida waters.



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- **Florida Resilient Coastline Initiative \$5.5 M GR** – provides funds to assist local governments with sea level rise planning and coastal resilience projects, in addition to protection of coral reef health.
- **Red Tide Research \$4.2 M GR** – provides funds in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) for red tide research.
- **Drinking Water and Wastewater Revolving Loan programs \$307.2 M (\$23.4 M GR)** for low-interest loans for the construction of drinking water systems, wastewater treatment, and stormwater management systems.
- **Hazardous Waste Cleanup \$133.6 M TF** – provides \$110.0 M for the cleanup of contaminated petroleum sites, \$8.5 M for dry cleaning site cleanup, \$0.6 M for cleanup of state-owned lands, \$0.5 M for waste tire abatement, \$3.0 M for landfill closures, \$5.5 M for hazardous waste site cleanup, \$3.0 M for the Small County Solid Waste Grant Program, and \$2.5 M for tire abatement around reefs.
- **Beach Restoration Projects \$50.0 M (\$9.8 M GR)** – provides \$20.5 M (\$9.8 M GR) in new funding for financial assistance to local governments and special taxing authorities for beach and dune restoration, nourishment, and inlet management.
- **State Park Improvements \$35.8 M (\$9.3 M GR)** – provides \$31.5 M for state park projects, \$4.0 M for ADA projects in state parks, and \$0.3 M for Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas.
- **Florida Forever Program \$34.5 M (\$1.5 M GR)** – provides \$33.0 M for land acquisition projects in the Florida Forever Program and \$1.5 M for the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts grant program.
- **Citrus Greening Response \$17.1 M (\$2.5 M GR)** – \$8.0 M TF to fund citrus greening research projects, \$6.4 M TF to continue funding for the Citrus Health Response Program, and \$2.5 M GR for citrus crop decline supplemental funding.
- **Wildfire Suppression Equipment and Land Management Activities \$20.6 M (\$5.0 M GR)**
- **Nonpoint Source Grants \$17.5 M (\$5.0 M GR)** – provides funds for projects that help control nonpoint sources of pollution.
- **Small County Wastewater Grants \$13.0 M TF** – provides funding for grants for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities for disadvantaged small communities to assist with meeting their needs for adequate sewer facilities.
- **Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern \$6.0 M (\$5.0 M GR)** – provides funds for local governments in the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern or the City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern to finance or refinance the cost of wastewater, stormwater, or water quality improvement projects, or for land acquisition.
- **New Law Enforcement Officers \$1.8 M GR and 13 FTE** – provides funding for 13 new law enforcement officers in FWCC.
- **Lionfish Invasive Species Management and Research \$1.0 M TF**

Reduction Issues

- **Excess Budget Authority \$45.8 M TF**
- **Positions vacant more than 180 days \$0.3 M TF and 7 FTE**
- **Other Reductions \$19.8 M TF**



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- **Trust Fund Sweep \$70.0 M TF** – provides for a \$70.0 M transfer to GR from the Inland Protection Trust Fund in the Department of Environmental Protection.
- **Springs Restoration \$50.0 M TF** – Reverts \$50 M back to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and appropriates it for the same purpose in FY 2019-20.



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Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee

Overview

The Government Operations & Technology Appropriation Subcommittee overall budget totals \$2.08B (\$311.4 million in general revenue and \$1.76 bill in trust funds). Includes funding for 11,214.50 authorized positions.

There is an overall 0.7% decrease in the total spending and a 7% decrease in general revenue funds over the current fiscal year appropriation. A net increase of 5.00 FTE over current year.

Highlights

- **Fixed Capital Outlay \$47.3M** – Provides Fixed Capital Outlay for building repairs in the Florida Facilities Pool. Funding for code compliance, Life, Health, Safety, and ADA.
- **Fiscally Constrained Counties \$29.6M** – provides for distribution to fiscally constrained counties.
- **FLAIR Replacement/PALM \$22.7M TF** – replacement of the state’s accounting system.
- **Gaming Systems Contract \$13.8M TF** – for anticipated expenditures related to terminal games sales based on the February 2019 Revenue Estimating Conference.
- **Private Prison Fixed Capital Outlay \$5.9M** – Provides for critical repairs at the Lake City and Gadsden Private Prison facilities.
- **Instant Ticket Purchase Category \$4.0M TF** – for anticipated expenditures related to scratch-off sales based on the February 2019 Revenue Estimating Conference.
- **DOR Image Management System \$4.0M** – Provides NR/TF for the replacement of DOR’s Image Management System.
- **Restaurant and Lodging Inspectors \$1.7M TF** – Provides \$1.7M TF and 20.00 FTE for a retention plan for inspectors to increase food and lodging inspections.

Reduction Issues

- **Reductions for Reversions, Efficiency Savings and Unfunded Budget \$16.5M (\$0.9M GR)** – Reduces recurring budget authority based on prior year reversions, efficiency savings and unfunded budget.
- **Vacant Position Reductions \$1.2M (\$0.4M GR)** – Reduces 25.00 FTE positions and \$1.2M for positions vacant in excess of 180 days.

Trust Fund Sweeps

\$46,000,000

- DBPR – Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes TF - \$5,000,000
- DBPR – Hotels and Restaurants TF - \$3,000,000
- DBPR – Professional Regulation TF - \$8,000,000
- DFS/OFR – Anti-Fraud TF - \$1,500,000



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- DFS – Financial Institutions Regulatory TF - \$1,000,000
- DFS/OFR – Insurance Regulatory TF - \$10,000,000
- DFS/OFR – Regulatory TF - \$13,000,000
- DMS – Operating Trust Fund - Purchasing - \$3,500,000
- DMS/PERC – Public Employees Relations Commission TF - \$1,000,000



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Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

Overview

The Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee overall budget totals \$37.7 Billion (\$10.2 billion General Revenue and \$27.5 billion Trust Funds). Includes funding for 30,928 authorized positions.

There is a 1.16% increase in total spending and a 2.73% increase in general revenue funds from the Fiscal Year 2018-19. This includes a 1.35% reduction in state FTE over the prior year or a reduction of 421 FTE.

Highlights

- **Medicaid Price Level and Workload Adjustment – \$94.4M (\$173.8M GR)** – Funding for Medicaid caseloads and price level adjustments as agreed upon by the March 2019 Social Service Estimating Conference for an anticipated 3,887,035 Medicaid beneficiaries.
- **Florida Kid Care Enrollment – \$91.4M (\$52M GR)** – Fully funds the KidCare program for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year as agreed upon at the February 2019 Social Services Estimating Conference to serve approximately 275,707 children.
- **Increase Hospital Enhanced Ambulatory Grouping (EAPG) Base Rate - \$1.6M (\$0.6M GR)** – the 3% rate enhancement reduction is added into the EAPG base rate.
- **Increase Hospital Diagnosis Related Grouping (DRG) Base Rate - \$8.0M (\$3.1M GR)** - the 3% rate enhancement reduction is added into the DRG base rate.
- **Nursing Home Reimbursement Rate Adjustment - \$15.5 M TF** – provides non-recurring funding to fund nursing home rate enhancements by increased quality incentive payments.
- **Graduate Medical Education Program - \$4.4M** – provides funding for GME to address shortages in primary care and training in Medicaid regions with primary care demand greater than supply by 25% or more and to address shortages in certain physician specialties, including urology, thoracic surgery, nephrology, and ophthalmology provides additional funding for programs facing shortages in primary care and specialty care physicians.
- **Implement Combined Risk Pools for Title XXI Subsidized and Full-Pay Enrollments - \$6.9M (\$1.1M GR)** – provides funding to implement a combined-risk premium model of Title XXI-subsidized and full-pay enrollments for medical insurance payments effective January 1, 2020.
- **Cancer Center Medicaid Prospective Payment Exemption - \$81.5M TF** – provides funding for increasing multipliers for inpatient and outpatient services for qualifying Florida cancer hospitals.
- **Medical School Faculty Physician Supplemental Payments - \$33.6M TF** – increases funding to support payments to medical school faculty physicians.



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- **Rural Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement Adjustment – \$9.71M (\$3.7M GR)** – Funding for sole community hospitals that meet the definition of s. 395.602(2)(e), F.S. to be recognized as a rural hospital for DRG reimbursement. Lower Keys Medical Center \$1.3M and Flagler Hospital \$8.3M.
- **Alzheimer’s Disease and Community Care for the Elderly Initiatives - \$3.95M GR** - Funding to reduce the waitlist for Alzheimer’s respite services and the Community Care for the Elderly program.
- **Public Guardianship Program - \$2.5M GR** – funding for public guardianship services to 453 additional incapacitated and indigent persons from the public guardian program waitlists and to account for the increased cost to serve each ward.
- **Alzheimer’s Disease Community Projects - \$1.5M GR** - Provides nonrecurring funding for local community Alzheimer’s Disease projects that provide needed services to vulnerable seniors in a home and community based setting.
- **Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) - \$4.8M (\$1.8M GR)** – Provides funding to increase the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) by 150 slots in Orange County, effective July 1, 2019.
- **Elder Local Community Initiatives - \$4.4M GR** - Provides nonrecurring funding for elder meal programs and local community initiatives projects that provide needed services to vulnerable seniors in a home and community based setting.
- **Resources to Address Expiration of the Title IV-E Waiver \$48.5M (\$28.0M GR)** - Provides funding to mitigate the effects of the expiration of the federal Title IV-E Waiver for child welfare activities. These efforts include:
 - \$11.5M for Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) subsidies that provide financial assistance to licensed caregivers;
 - \$3.8M to fully-fund Independent Living services provided through the CBCs;
 - \$8.1M for Safety Management Services that CBCs employ to prevent the removal of a child from the home;
 - \$1.1M and 12.00 FTE to complete the programmatic implementation of GAP; and,
 - \$24M to fill the remaining deficit in federal Title IV-E funds.
- **Challenge Grants \$3.2M GR**- Provides funding to local agencies to award grants for homelessness services.
- **Mental Health Facility Anti-Ligature Improvements \$1.5M GR** – Provides funding to the state mental health treatment facilities for anti-ligature corrections that comply with federal regulations. These facility improvements reduce instances of self-harm and suicide.
- **Additional Security Resources at State Mental Health Treatment Facility \$0.7M GR and 14.0 FTE** - Provides additional security personnel at the Florida State Hospital. These additional resources will help lower the security specialist-to-patient ratio to more manageable levels.



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- **Community-based Care Lead Agencies \$16.1M (\$11.1M GR)** - Funds the Community-based Care (CBC) Risk Pool with \$8.1 million to provide resources to CBCs that experience operational deficits and \$8.1 million for core service funds as distributed through the Equity Allocation Model. Additionally, the Conference Report includes \$5.1 million in the back-of-the-bill to address current-year deficits.
- **Opioid and Substance Abuse Services \$83.3M TF** – Nonrecurring budget authority for the second year of the State Opioid Response grant, which funds prevention and recovery services, and medication-assisted treatment.
- **Community Mental Health \$4.9M TF** - Nonrecurring budget authority for an increase to the state's allocation of the Community Mental Health Block Grant, to be disbursed among local behavioral health providers.
- **Adoption Subsidies \$30.7M (\$11.5M GR)** - Increase in Maintenance Adoption Subsidies for an additional 4,200 new adoption finalizations. Also included is an additional \$16.7 million in the back-of-the-bill for a current year deficit.
- **Medicaid iBudget Waiver Services \$48.7 M (\$18.8 M GR)** – Provides funds to serve individuals, as determined by APD, on the Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver.
- **Residential Habilitation Rate Increase \$28.7 M (\$11.1 M GR)** – Provides funds for a rate increase for direct care staff. These services provide supervision and training that help the customer to acquire, maintain and improve skills related to activities of daily living.
- **Tobacco Use and Prevention \$1.6 M TF** – Provides funds for the constitutionally required CPI adjustment for the Tobacco and Use Prevention Program.
- **Medical Marijuana \$17.8 M TF** – Provides funds for the Office of Medical Marijuana Use. Funds provided are for continued programmatic operations and to implement a statewide seed-to-sale tracking system, technology upgrades to the Medical Marijuana Use Registry, and a licensure and regulatory system.
- **HIV/AIDS \$20.6 M TF (\$4.7 M NR TF)** – Provides funds for HIV/AIDS Prevention: \$11.0 M for Aids Drug Assistance Program and \$4.9 M for Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Also included is \$4.7 M NR TF authority for HOPWA waitlist reductions.
- **Hurricane Recovery Grant \$5.8 M NR TF** – Provides funds for the final year of the Public Health Crisis Response Grant related to response, recovery, preparation, and mitigation related to hurricanes, including birth defects registry contracted staff and mosquito control initiatives.
- **Blue Green Algae and Red Tide \$650k GR** – Provides funds for a research study on the long-term health effects of exposure to blue green algae and red tide.
- **Newborn Screening \$5.6 M TF (\$1.2 M NR TF)** – Provides for ten FTE for the Newborn Screening Program for testing of new disorders (Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Pompe, and MPS Type I) and follow-up services.
- **Veterans' Nursing Homes Van Replacement and Home Equipment \$1.3 M NR TF** – Provides funds for the replacement of four 12-13 year old veteran transport vans, one replacement cargo van for



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the information technology office, recreational equipment, medical and non-medical equipment, and furniture in the Veterans' Nursing Homes.

- **Veterans' Homes Nurses \$1.7 M TF** – Provides funds for 21 FTE to hire RNs and CNAs in the current six veterans' homes to alleviate staff shortages and increase rate of direct patient care.
- **New Veterans' Homes \$10.4 M TF** – Provides funds and 124 FTE for operations at the Ardie R. Copas (opening early 2020) and Lake Baldwin (opening late 2019) State Veterans' Nursing Homes.
- **Veteran Training \$1.7 M NR GR** - Provides funds for Florida is for Veterans for the Entrepreneur Training Grant and the Workforce Training Grant Program.

Trust Fund Sweeps

- **Agency for Health Care Administration**
 - Grants and Donations Trust Fund \$45,000,000
 - Refugee Assistance Trust Fund \$5,000,000
 - Health Care Trust Fund \$3,500,000
- **Department of Health**
 - Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund \$12,000,000
 - Planning and Evaluation Trust Fund \$5,000,000



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Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

Overview

The Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee overall budget totals \$8.26 Billion (\$4.7 billion General Revenue; \$1.3 billion Lottery; \$2.3 billion Trust Funds). Includes funding for 1,239 authorized positions.

There is a \$165 M increase (2%) in total appropriation from the current fiscal year appropriations.

Highlights

- **Bright Futures Workload Adjustment - \$75.4M EETF** - Funding for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program as agreed upon by the March 2019 Education Estimating Conference on Student Financial Assistance. This fully funds Bright Futures Scholarships at \$595.1M for an anticipated 113,902 students.
- **Benacquisto Scholarship Program, \$4.3M GR** - Fully funds the scholarship program at \$21.4M for an anticipated 1,416 students.
- **Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, \$1.4M GR** – Fully Funds the CSDDV Scholarship Program at \$7.7M for an anticipated 1,862 students.
- **Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program - \$10M GR** - Provides funding for a competitive grant program for new and/or expanded apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs.
- **Florida College System (FCS) Increased Operating Funds - \$20M GR** Provides \$10M in additional operating funds to colleges that are funded below the statewide average according to the College Funding Model, and provides \$10M in additional general operating funds to all colleges for a total of \$1.2B in FCS program funding.
- **Supplemental Operational Support for Specific FCS Institutions - \$10M GR** Provides increased operating funds for the following colleges:
 - St. Petersburg College - \$250K
 - Polk State College - \$1.25M
 - St. Johns River State College - \$3M
 - Valencia State College - \$3M
 - College of Central Florida - \$1.5M
 - Florida SouthWestern State College - \$1M
- **Florida College System Rewards for Student Achievements and Outcomes – \$30M GR** Provides \$20M in 2+2 Student Success Incentive Funds to reward colleges for AA degree students who complete critical core courses, persist across academic years, graduate on-time, and transfer to bachelor degree programs; and also provides \$10M in Work Florida Student Success Incentive Funds which rewards colleges for workforce education students who graduate on-time and obtain successful employment outcomes after graduation.



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- **Restoration of Nonrecurring State Investment in SUS Performance Funding -- \$12.7M GR** In FY 2018-19, a portion of the \$265 M State Investment in Performance Based Incentives was funded on a nonrecurring basis in order to meet budgetary constraints. This same amount is funded as recurring for FY 2019-20.
 - **National Ranking Operational Enhancement -- \$21.9M GR** provides recurring funds to support operations at top-ranked state universities.
- **New College of Florida Enrollment Growth -- \$1.6 M GR Final** year of a three-year program to increase enrollment while maintaining the faculty/student ratio.
- **Operational Support -- \$55.5M GR** Provides recurring funds for the following institutions:
 - FAU - \$12M
 - FGCU - \$10M
 - FIU - \$15M
 - UNF - \$10M
 - USF-SM - \$5M
 - USF-SP - \$3.5M

Reductions

- **Reduction to University Base Funding – (\$35.3M) GR** Total funding for state university main campuses in FY 2018-19 totaled \$4.4 B. Over the last five years, this funding has increased by about \$1 B. This reduction amounts to about 0.8% of the FY 2018-19 funding.
- **Private Tuition Assistance Award Adjustment – (\$14.7M) GR** – Adjusts the award levels for the Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) and the Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) grants from \$3,500 to \$2,841 per student to support 41,837 qualified Florida resident students attending eligible private postsecondary institutions.



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PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Overview

The PreK-12 Appropriation Subcommittee overall proposed budget totals \$16 billion (\$12.6 billion General Revenue and \$3.4 billion Trust Funds). Includes funding 1,018 authorized positions.

There is a 0.94% increase in the total spending and a 1.19% increase in general revenue funds over the current fiscal year appropriation including a reduction of 30 FTE.

Highlights

- **Early Learning Services \$1.2B** (\$557.8M GR) - The Early Learning Services budget provides funding for the (1) Office of Early Learning staff and operating expenditures, (2) School Readiness Program, (3) Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, and (4) Partnership for School Readiness.
 - \$15M for the new Preschool Development Birth to Five Federal Grant awarded to the Office of Early Learning to implement quality initiatives throughout the state based on the needs assessment for children birth to five.
 - School Readiness program - total budget is \$760.9M, which includes \$130M in additional federal Child Care and Development Block grant budget authority.
 - Voluntary Prekindergarten - provides an additional \$3.8M for an increase of about 1,482 new VPK students. This brings the total for VPK to \$402.3M for the state's estimated 159,141 VPK students.
- **Florida Education Finance Program \$12.2B** (\$11.5B GR) - The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) budget provides funding for the state support to school districts. The FEFP is a student enrollment based funding formula for the equitable distribution of operating funds to school districts. This budget entity also provides funding to meet specific needs such as Class Size Reduction and the School Recognition Program.
 - The FEFP includes \$21.6B in total funding and represents a total increase to the FEFP of \$579.3M in total funds – which is comprised of \$354M in state funds and \$225.3M in local funds. The FEFP:
 - Increases the total funds per student by \$167.79 for a total funds per student of \$7,596.58 – which is a \$2.26% increase.
 - Provides an increase of \$38.34 in the base student allocation (BSA) for a total of \$4,242.76 per student.
 - Includes an increase of \$143.5M by allowing the Required Local Effort to grow by new construction only, resulting in an ad valorem buy back of \$266 million.
 - Transfers \$234M of funds from Non-FEFP into the FEFP for the Best and Brightest Teachers and Principals Allocations and adds an additional \$35M to the allocations.



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- Transfers the Funding Compression Allocation funds to the base student allocation.
- **K-12 Non-FEFP \$436.1M GR** - The State Grants/K12-Non-FEFP budget provides funding that supplements or enhances K-12 education. Unlike the FEFP budget entity, these funds are not based on an equitable distribution formula but are typically distributed as specified in proviso or based on the purpose of the line item.
 - Restores the \$4.5M in nonrecurring GR appropriated last year to the Gardiner Scholarship Program plus includes an additional \$16M to fund the current year Gardiner waitlist.
 - Provides \$10M to fund the Computer Science Certification and Teacher Bonuses program that is established in section 1007.2616, Florida Statutes.
 - Increase the funds appropriated to the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind by almost \$450,000 which represents a 3-year average increase in their operating dollars.
 - Provides funding for 50 Appropriations Project bills totaling \$8.35M.
- **Federal Grants K-12 Programs \$1.8B TF** - The Federal Grants K-12 budget provides budget authority needed for federal grants, private grants, and donations.
- **Educational Media and Technology Services \$9.9M GR** - The Educational Media and Technology Services budget provides funding to support a statewide coordinated system of public broadcasting to include the Florida Channel and the public radio and television stations.
- **State Board of Education \$266.3M (\$126.2M GR)** - The State Board of Education budget provides funding for the staff and operating expenditures of the Department of Education to include the Florida College System.
 - \$500,000 is provided to the Department of Education to fund its efforts to promote career and technical education programs in order to attract and recruit students to the programs.
 - \$4.8M is provided to allow the Department of Education to update its School Choice Scholarship Programs Database.
 - \$12.8M is provided to cover the costs associated with additional deliverables required to administer the statewide assessments in FY 2019-20.
 - \$2.5M is provided to fund the Governor's recommendation to implement initiatives designed to improve transparency and communication regarding public education provided to parents, students, teachers, and businesses.
 - \$12.3M in REDUCTIONS that represents unfunded excess budget authority.
 - Reduces 30 vacant positions within the Department of Education.



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Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

Overview

The Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee's proposed budget totals \$15.2 billion (\$270.9 million in general revenue funds and \$14.9 billion in trust funds). This includes funding for 13,056 positions. This is a 5% increase in total spending over the current fiscal year appropriation.

Highlights

- **Transportation Work Program \$9.8B** – Provides full funding for the department's 5-year Transportation Work Program, including \$40 million for the Tamiami Trail project.
- **Federally Declared Disaster Funding \$1.9B** – Provides federal budget authority for the Division of Emergency Management to manage and continue public assistance and mitigation programs for the state and communities for disasters throughout the state.
- **Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program \$621.4M** – Provides funding to assist with Hurricane Irma recovery and may be used for housing repair, rental construction, land acquisition, home buyouts and other categories in the state action plan.
- **Affordable Housing \$192.6M** – Focusing on our hurricane recovery efforts, this budget includes \$50M for the Rental Recovery Loan Program and \$65 M for the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program. These programs are modeled after the existing SAIL (the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program) and SHIP (the State Housing Initiatives Partnership) programs respectively, and will direct funds to Hurricane Michael-impacted counties in Florida. This budget also provides \$31M for the traditional SAIL program, and \$46.6M for the traditional SHIP program.
- **Hurricane Michael Recovery Grant Program \$25M** - This program will be available to local governments for mitigation of revenue losses and operating deficits, infrastructure repair and replacement, and other hurricane related issues.
- **Economic development \$195.2M (\$72.3M GR and \$122.9M TF)**
 - Provides \$26.6 million (\$11M GR, \$15.6M TF) for audited performance payments under the economic incentive programs (Brownfield Redevelopment, Qualified Target Industry, High Impact Business Performance Incentives, e.g.). Payments are based on the state's contractual obligations under existing agreements.
 - Provides \$30.3 million (\$6.1M GR, \$24.2M TF) for economic development activities (Quick Response Training, Defense Support Task Force, Hispanic Business Initiative Outreach Program, Black Business Loan Program, Military Base Protection, Defense/Rural Infrastructure, Sports Foundation)
 - Provides \$40 million GR for the Job Growth Grant Fund to continue efforts to support public infrastructure and workforce training around the state.
 - Provides \$84.5 million (\$6M GR, \$78.5M TF) for the economic development partnerships
 - \$50 million TF to fund Visit Florida's tourism marketing campaigns.
 - \$18.5M (\$6M GR, \$12.5M TF) for aerospace industry development and infrastructure funding through Space Florida.



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- \$16M TF for Enterprise Florida to market and promote relocation, expansion, export and trade for state businesses.
- **Department of State Cultural and Historic Grant Lists \$28.5M** - Fully funding several of the lists, this budget includes \$21.3 million for cultural and museum grants. Historic preservation grants were funded at \$2.2 million and restoration of historic properties is funded at \$5 million. In total, these grant programs are funded 296% higher than in FY 2018-19.
- **Department of State Commercial Registry Solution \$6M** – Provides funding for the replacement of the Division of Corporations business filing system (Sunbiz).
- **Work Program Integration Initiative \$21.3M** – Provides continued authority for a multi-year information technology project to modernize the DOT financial systems used to develop the Work Program.
- **State Aid to Libraries \$21.8M** - The budget maintains full funding for state aid to libraries, \$2 million for library cooperatives, and \$1 million for library construction grants.
- **Motorist Modernization Phases I and II \$16.1M** – Provides \$2.3 million to complete the final year of replacing the driver license information system. Phase II of this information technology project begins the replacement of the vehicle information system with funding of \$13.7 million.
- **Defense and Rural Infrastructure Grants \$9.3M** – Provides \$1.6 million for Defense Infrastructure Grants and \$2.7 million Rural infrastructure Grants. The budget directs an additional \$5 million to inland panhandle counties through rural infrastructure grants for planning and financing grants to rebuild these communities.
- **Division of Emergency Management Facility Needs \$2.8M**
 - Provides \$1.8M for critical facility needs in fiscally constrained counties to bring their EOC's up to minimum hurricane standards.
 - Provides \$1M for planning and redesign of the State Emergency Operations Center.

Reductions

- **Department of Economic Opportunity Budget \$35M** – Reduces excess, unutilized budget authority for local workforce development boards, home energy assistance, and contracted services based on historical reversions.
- **Highway Safety Operational Efficiencies \$2.7M** – Eliminates eleven vacant positions and makes operational reductions like eliminating unfunded budget, reducing network costs, reducing cellular phone costs, and reorganizing the Bureau of Administrative Review. These reductions were submitted by the department in their Legislative Budget Request and were recommended by the Governor.
- **Department of Transportation Vacant Positions \$1.2M** – Eliminates 24 positions vacant in excess of 180 days.



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Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

Overview

The Justice Appropriations Subcommittee overall budget totals \$5.4 billion (\$4.6 billion general revenue funds; \$868 million trust funds). Includes funding for 46,366 authorized positions.

There is an increase of 4.6 percent in total funding and a 6.9 percent increase in general revenue funds over the current fiscal year appropriation, including an increase of 385 FTE.

Highlights

- **Comprehensive Inmate Health Care Services Contract - \$86.6M GR** – provides recurring funds to continue to contract with Centurion of Florida for FY 2019-20.
- **Hepatitis C Treatment - \$34.6M GR** – provides recurring funds for FDC to provide Hepatitis C treatment to infected inmates, in accordance with the federal court’s injunctive order.
- **Inmate Mental Health Services Settlement Agreement - \$16.5M GR** – provides funds and 285 positions to continue implementing the FDC’s inmate mental health services plan, including necessary fixed capital outlay (FCO) renovations, in compliance with the agreement with Disability Rights of Florida, Inc.
- **Mental Health Facility - \$6.6M GR** – provides fixed capital outlay (FCO) funding to develop building plans for a comprehensive mental health treatment facility at Lake Correctional Institution.
- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Settlement Agreement - \$1.7M GR** – provides funds and 12 positions to comply with year-two of the settlement agreement with Disability Rights of Florida, Inc., relating to inmates with mobility, vision and hearing impairments.
- **Pharmaceutical Drug Costs – Compliance with Standards of Care - \$13.9M GR** – provides recurring funds to address increases in the costs of various pharmaceutical drugs in the FDC.
- **Prevention and Early Intervention Programs - \$8.4M GR & \$3M TF** – provides recurring funds for the Department of Juvenile Justice to continue and expand prevention and early intervention programs.
- **Enhanced Evidence-Based Services in Residential Settings - \$4.3M GR** – provides recurring funds for enhanced evidence-based services in competitively procured residential commitment contracts.
- **Youth on Supervised Release - \$3.2M GR** – provides recurring funds to contract with an additional 115 personnel to monitor youth on supervised release.
- **Information Technology Modernization - \$4.7M GR & \$4M TF**– provides funds for year two of the Department of Legal Affairs’ three year IT modernization project.
- **Incident Based Reporting System - \$1.6M GR & \$8.6M TF** – provides funds to continue FDLE’s transition to an Incident Based Reporting System to remain compatible with the FBI’s national crime reporting system.



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- **Purchase Executive Aircraft - \$3.8 M GR** – provides \$3.4 million of recurring funds and \$0.4 million of nonrecurring funds and four positions to operate, maintain, and make debt service payments for the Governor’s Executive Aircraft.
- **Due Process and Conflict Case Costs - \$14.1M GR** - provides recurring funds to the Justice Administrative Commission to address shortfalls in funding provided for due process and conflict case costs.
- **State Attorney and Public Defender Workload - \$5.3M GR** – provides recurring funds to address workload issues in all State Attorney, Public Defender and Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel offices.
- **Critical Infrastructure Maintenance and Repairs \$17.1M GR** – provides nonrecurring funds for various critical fixed capital outlay projects in the FDC, DJJ, and SCS.

Reduction Issues

- **Unfunded and Excess Budget Authority - \$70.7M TF** – reduces recurring TF authority in excess of available and projected revenues.
- **Reductions for Scheduled Debt Service Payments - \$14.0M GR** – reduces recurring funds based on actual debt service payments scheduled for FY 2019-20.

Current Year – Back of Bill

- **Due Process and Conflict Case Costs - \$17.4M GR** – provides funding to address current year deficits in due process and conflict case cost categories.
- **Hepatitis C Treatment - \$13.3M GR** - to address current year deficits related to the treatment of inmates infected with the Hepatitis C Virus.



CS/SB 7070 K-12 Education

- **CS/SB 7070** establishes and modifies K-12 education programs to support students and families, public schools, and teachers.
- The bill expands educational choice and opportunity for low-income families, helps public schools by expanding student support services and reducing regulations, and provides aspiring teachers with support to become certified and providing incentive awards.
- The bill incorporates several bills that were heard in committee this session, including **HB 7075 School Choice**, **HB 7095 School Choice**, and **HB 7061 Teacher Preparation**.
- The bill incorporates provisions from **HB 7075** that:
 - Establish the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, which will provide quality choice options for working class families and alleviate the waitlist for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.
 - Establish a consistent scholarship amount for the Family Empowerment, Florida Tax Credit (FTC), and Hope Scholarships.
 - Allow surplus Hope Scholarship funds to help fund the FTC program.
 - Allow current FTC students to maintain their current award amount or an amount under the new formula, whichever is greater.
 - Allow excess funds beyond the 25% carryover to be used for additional FTC scholarships.
 - Limit administrative expenses for scholarship funding organizations to 3% of eligible contributions and allows FTC students to use the scholarship for transportation to a public school other than their assigned public school.
- **CS/SB 7070** changes the scholarship provisions by:
 - Capping the eligible income level for the Empowerment Scholarship at 300% of the federal poverty level.
 - Capping initial scholarships at 18,000 with annual growth of up to 0.25% of total public school enrollment.
- Setting scholarship funding amounts at 95% of the district average by grade group.



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- The bill incorporates provisions from **HB 7095** that:
 - Encourage hope operators to implement their high performing charter school models and serve students in Florida Opportunity Zones.
 - Revise the definition of persistently low-performing schools to include schools that have received 3 school grades below a “C” with no grade above a “B” in the most recent 2 years.
 - Allow schools of hope funds to be used for initial leasing costs and to continue to be available until a school of hope reaches full enrollment.
 - Establish an allocation in the FEFP, rather than through the schools of hope grant program, to provide wrap-around services to students in turnaround schools.
 - Establish a community schools grant program to help school districts implement the community partnership schools model, prioritize awards to expand the model into new districts, and encourage self-sustaining programs.
- The bill incorporates provisions from **HB 7061** that:
 - Allow DOE to extend temporary certificates by 2 years for teachers who complete a mentorship certification program or are rated highly effective.
 - Delete the requirement for a temporary certificate holder to pass the General Knowledge Test within 1 year.
 - Require supports for teachers who fail the test.
 - Lower fees for retakes.
 - Enhance core curriculum requirements for teacher preparation programs relating to differentiated instruction and classroom management.
- The bill also limits the General Knowledge Test requirement to only classroom teachers.
- The bill modifies the Best and Brightest Scholarship Programs for teachers program by removing a teacher’s performance on the SAT or ACT as a factor in determining eligibility for the award.
- The bill modifies the Best and Brightest Scholarship Programs for teachers and principals by establishing a separate allocation within the FEFP to provide recruitment, retention, and recognition awards. Funding for awards is subject to annual appropriation.



CS/SB 7070 K-12 Education FTC Report Rebuttal

60 percent of the schools published in the LSI report are below average and making negative gains.

- We know from the annual learning gains studies that the students participating in the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program are triply disadvantaged students. In the 2017 report, researchers wrote that: “The available evidence indicates that FTC enrolls students who are triply disadvantaged. They have low family incomes, they are enrolled at low-performing public schools (as measured by test scores), and they have poorer initial test performance compared with their peers.”
- According to a decade’s worth of standardized test score analyses, scholarship students who enter the scholarship program tend to be the lowest-performing students in the public schools that they leave behind. But once on scholarship and in the schools of their parents’ choosing, they’re on the whole making the same annual learning gains as students of all income levels nationally. In other words, according to highly respected Northwestern University education researcher David Figlio, who analyzed the results for years, the scholarship students are gaining a year’s worth of knowledge in a year’s worth of time. This is solid, steady progress.
- In fact, the studies have shown for ten consecutive years that the scholarship students have achieved the same test score gains in reading and math as students of all income levels nationally.
- A report released in February by the Urban Institute found students using the scholarship are up to 43 percent more likely to enroll in four-year colleges than their peers in public schools, and up to 20 percent more likely to earn bachelor’s degrees. Students who use the scholarship four or more years are up to 45 percent more likely to earn bachelor’s degrees.

35 percent of students return after the 1st year and are 2 years behind.

- Critics have been lately raising this “issue,” citing information from the recent Urban Institute report, which noted 58 percent of scholarship students used the scholarship two years or less during the period studied, 2003 to 2011. This was during the early years of the program, when the scholarship value was far less than it is today, and there were far fewer private schools participating. Thankfully, the scholarship amount has increased in recent years, which should ensure more parents can continue to use it.
- There is zero evidence scholarship students are returning to public schools in worse shape academically or because they’re dissatisfied.
- The most critical finding from the recent the Urban Institute report this year is that Florida Tax Credit Scholarship students are up to 45 percent more likely to earn a college degree than similarly disadvantaged students in public schools.
- Florida Tax Credit Scholarship students had higher 4-year college attendance rates (students on the program at least 4 years were 99 percent more likely to attend college), and higher overall two- or four-year college attendance rates.



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- Students who enter the scholarship program are the lowest-performing students in the public schools that they leave behind. In his 2013 report on the performance of scholarship students, Northwestern University Professor David Figlio wrote this: “FTC participants who return to the public sector performed, after their first year back in the public schools, in the same ballpark but perhaps slightly better on the FCAT than they had before they left the Florida public schools. The most careful reading of this evidence indicates that participation in the FTC program appears to have neither advantaged nor disadvantaged the program participants who ultimately return to the public sector. Rather, the evidence strongly points to an explanation that the poor apparent FCAT performance of FTC program returnees is actually a result of the fact that the returning students are generally particularly struggling students.”
- Scholarship students leave the program for any number of reasons, but surveys suggest few do so because their parents are dissatisfied. A [2009 survey](#) by the Friedman Foundation (now EdChoice) found 80 percent of scholarship parents were “very satisfied” with the academic progress their children were making in their current private schools, compared to 4 percent in their previous public schools. In a 2018 EdChoice survey, the comparison between parental satisfaction then (80%) and now (93%) further supports greater program retention in more recent years.



CS/CS/SB 7030 Implementation of Legislative Recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission

- The bill requires sheriffs to establish a guardian program, upon request of the school district, and provide training, either directly or by contracting with another sheriff that has established a guardian program. The SB removes the requirement for the Criminal Justice Training Commission to establish training standards and allows law enforcement academies to provide training.
- The bill allows a charter school to request guardian training from a sheriff of another school district when their district has not implemented a guardian program. (Sheriff would decide whether to provide training).
- The bill makes it a 3rd degree felony to falsely pose as a school guardian.
- The bill revises the timeframe for transferring student records to 3 days (from 1 day intradistrict and 2 days intradistrict).
- The bill requires school districts to promote the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool and install it on all mobile devices.
- The bill establishes a School Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup to provide recommendations to the Commissioner, who must submit a report to the Legislature by September 1, 2020.
- The bill establishes a Statewide Threat Assessment Database Workgroup to provide recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2019.
- The bill requires active shooter drills to be developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate.
- The bill requires school boards and charter governing boards to adopt an active assailant policy and requires superintendents to certify annual training.
- For Mental Health Assistance Allocation funds, the bill requires smaller timeframes for evaluation and services: evaluation within 15 days; school-based services within 15 days; community-based services within 30 days. (House bill required screening within 45 days; school-based intervention within 30 and continuing until community-based services begin.)
 - Plans filed pursuant to the Allocation must include service delivery by school-based personnel and community-based providers.
- The bill requires the Office of Safe Schools to annually publish data on safe-school officers including the total number disciplined and total number of incidents during which a safe-school officer discharged a firearm.
- The bill requires school districts to report to the county sheriff every incident in which a safe-school officer is dismissed or disciplined and every incident in which a safe-school officer discharges his or her firearm.
- The bill requires school districts to include in their annual financial report the amount and school safety justification for funds transferred from categorical funds.



CS/SB 7070 K-12 Education

The Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act established Opportunity Zones to encourage private investment in distressed communities throughout the country. These distressed communities are low-income communities where 20 percent or more of households in the tract fall below the poverty line or the median family income in the tract is below 80 percent of the statewide median income. These Zones were selected based on an analysis of poverty rates, population, unemployment rates and other economic indicators.

These Opportunity Zones provide our counties with another tool in their economic development toolbox. From rural communities to urban areas, this program allows investors to strategically invest in targeted communities. This will build on each county's economic development plan, bringing more jobs and capital investment into every county across Florida. The other tool that these communities need is access to a high quality education.

- The mission of these Hope Operators is to serve the underserved. They identify areas by looking at current academic achievement of local schools to find pervasive achievement gaps. Operators like:
 - **IDEA Public Schools** operates 61 public charter schools served over 36,000 students. Approximately 96% of students were minority and approximately 89% of the students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch.
 - **KIPP New Jersey** operations 11 public charter schools serving almost 5,000 students. Approximately 90% of the students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch.
 - **Democracy Prep** operates 8 public charter schools served over 5,000 students. Approximately 85% of the students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch.
- They look for areas of high poverty and population growth. Exactly like these Opportunity Zones.
- This is not about traditional public schools versus charter schools. This is about serving kids in these Zones and providing these communities with every available tool.
- These Hope Operators build community support by earning early-backing from local community and political leaders and executing agreements with partner organizations.
- While there are 427 Opportunity Zones, these are communities that need every available tool to break the cycle of poverty.
- Under the bill, a school of hope would have to:
 - Serve students from a persistently low performing school and students residing in an Opportunity Zone;



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- Be located within a 5 mile radius of a PLP or in an Opportunity Zone; and
- Be a Title I school.

The chart below shows that 89 percent of FTC students do not exceed 185% of the FPL and 93% do not exceed 200% of the FPL this year.

Percentage Level	Income for Family of 4	Count of Students	Percent of Students at or below Income Level
less than or equal to 185% of FPL	\$ 47,637.50	87609	89%
less than or equal to 200% of FPL	\$ 51,500.00	92223	93%
less than or equal to 215% of FPL	\$ 55,362.50	94518	96%
less than or equal to 230% of FPL	\$ 59,225.00	96412	98%
less than or equal to 245% of FPL	\$ 63,087.50	97814	99%
less than or equal to 260% of FPL	\$ 66,950.00	98722	100%