

## Legislative Report January 2020

**The session has just begun and there are a few bills to watch, the most alarming among them are the gun bills, HB 273 that will remove the licensing requirement for the concealed carry of firearms and HB 6001 that repeals the ban on campus carry. Other bills to follow cover teacher compensation, term limits for school board, native language assessments, and academic standards for public, charter and voucher programs, among many others.**

HB 273 GUNS: removes the licensing requirement to carry a concealed firearm, limits areas in which concealed carrying of firearms are prohibited and revises criminal penalties. IF THIS PASSES NO CONCEAL CARRY PERMIT WILL BE NECESSARY TO GO AROUND WITH A LOADED GUN.

HB 6001-repeals the ban on campus carry for florida's colleges and universities allowing guns on campus

SB 106/Teacher Fair Pay Act—would allow a statewide minimum starting pay for teachers, and SB 486 repeals the best and brightest bonuses for teacher and principals

HB 929—requires parents to provide written consent for students to participate in district required local assessments and statewide assessments such as FSA

SB78 Native Language Assessment in Public Schools: introduced by our own Senator Annette Taddeo, this bill would require the DOE to adopt native language versions of school readiness assessments for Pre-K, Kinder and a high school equivalency examination in any language other than English to be given the same weight as the English version. This bill would go a long way towards inclusiveness of our recent arrivals from other countries, especially here in SoFla.

SB632 aimed at bringing a single set of academic standards, ie teacher education, recess, state assessment participation

There are a few school safety bills that would authorize school boards to oversee SROs, provide panic alarms in all public schools and require superintendents to return any unused funds earmarked for safety to the DOE to be used at other schools

HB341 & SB 746 requires the study of the Bible and Religion—an objective study of the bible including scriptures and old & new testament

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