

## 2018 Legislative Session

- lasted 62 days
- least productive session in 21 years
- only 196 bills passed both the House and the Senate.

### **New laws that are interesting to Lisa but have nothing to do with Education:**

- 2018-043      State Symbols
- 2018-099      Sunshine Protection Act ...

### **Education:**

#### **K-12:**

##### 2018-006 – Education

- 104 pages- main education act this past session.
- First 12 pages + pages 35-66 + pages 90-93 = tax credit program; Hope Scholarship Program – ... to allow the student to transfer to another public school or to request a scholarship for the student to enroll in and attend an eligible private school” – buy a car and the tax can be donated to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization; reading scholarship accounts; addition of private schools participating in a scholarship program to post the DCF Abuse Hotline info and restrictions on eligibility for employment (section 35) and complaints against teachers and administrators; section 40, pg- 98 to be made to DOE, just like public and charter schools;
- Charter school applications – page 13-26
- Industry certifications, national assessments and statewide assessments shall be available to all FLVS students (section 12)
- Minor changes to Gardiner Scholarship participation (section 13, pages 27-30);
- Major changes to the McKay Scholarship statutes (section 14, pages 30-35);
- Discipline in privately operated Pre-K programs and school readiness programs (sections 19-20; pages 66-67);
- Patriotic Programs – section 22; page 67 – placement of the state motto: “In God we trust” placed in a “conspicuous place”;
- CPR training – section 23; pg. 68;
- Home-schoolers’ registration of intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities - section 26; page 71-72;
- dual-enrollment for home-schoolers and private schoolers– section 27, pages 72-74;
- 1008.22 – Student assessment program for public schools: pages 74-75; no longer administered on line;

- “supplemental academic instruction allocation” ... pg. 75-82;
- Principal Autonomy Program Initiative; district innovation academies and zones; section 30, pg. 82-86; pg. 90;
- Equity in School Funding Act –
- District School tax – section 32, pg. 87-89;
- Collective bargaining, section 33; pg. 89;
- School leader preparation programs; now include charter schools; section 37, pg. 94-97;
- BEST AND BRIGHTEST TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; section 39, pg. 97-98:
  - “A school district employee who is no longer a classroom teacher may receive an award if the employee was a classroom teacher in the prior school year, was rated highly effective and met the requirements of this section to be a classroom teacher.”
- Professional development programs to be provided by DOE; section 41, pgs. 98-99;
- Disposal of personal property of a school district shall be provided for a charter school’s use (section 42, pg. 99);
- Educational plan survey/Funding capital outlays/school construction, sections 43-45, pg. 100-103;
- Requirements for DOR to prepare rules to implement the tax issues in this act;
- Section 50 – Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students: no state assessments this year; exempt from minimum hours of instruction this year; and the “A” school rating earned in 2016-2017 is maintained for 2017-2018.
- Took effect on 7-1-18.

2018-005 School District Accountability

2018-150 K-12 Education

2018-154 High School Graduation Requirements

**Postsecondary:**

2018-004 Higher Education – “Florida Excellence in Higher Education Act”

- includes “Campus Free Expression Act”;

2018-008 Postsecondary Fee Waivers - military - at State Colleges

- 2018-132 excess credit hour surcharge
- Opportunity for reimbursement to first-time-in-college students

**Both K-12 and Postsecondary:**

- 2018-104 Prisoner Education
- Allows for DOC to contract with a district school board, FLVS or a charter school to provide educational services to DOC inmates;
  - Only allows use of state funds for workforce education on inmates with less than 24 months of time remaining on their sentences;
  - No state funds allowed to provide educational services to federal inmates.
  - Allows each county to contract with a district school board, FLVS or a charter school to provide educational services to inmates at county detention facilities.

**Other:**

**Public Records:**

- 2018-001 Public Records and Public Meetings
- 2018-003 Public Safety
- 2018-146 Public Records - Fire Safety plans

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 2018-012 State-Administered Retirement Systems
- 2018-128 Written threats of mass shootings or acts of terrorism
- 2018-134 Home Education
- 2018-136 Early Education
- 2018-148 Children's Initiatives

**Claims Bills:**

4 against state agencies: DOT, DCF, DOH (2)

- 2018-162 Department of health; medical malpractice
- 2018-163 Department of health; medical malpractice
- 2018-164 Department of Children and Families - negligence/sexual battery
- 2018-165 Department of Transportation - wrongful death/auto accident

3 against Counties/Cities: (Brevard County, Tallahassee, Tampa)

- 2018-190 Brevard County - bus accident
- 2018-192 City of Tallahassee - motorcycle/public transportation accident
- 2018-193 City of Tampa - motorcycle/City truck accident

1 against a School Board: Palm Beach County School Board

- 2018-191 Ashraf Kamel and Marquerite Dimitri for death of Jean A. Pierre Kamel.