



**ELC Legislative Committee Meeting  
July 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m.  
ELC Board Room**

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| I.    | Welcome & Introductions      | Alexander Soto |
| II.   | Approval of Minutes          | Alexander Soto |
| III.  | Grade Level Reading          | Evelio Torres  |
| IV.   | Legislative Agenda           | Evelio Torres  |
| V.    | Status of Legislative Visits | Evelio Torres  |
| VI.   | Outlook for the 2018 Session | Diana Ragbeer  |
| VII.  | Strategy for Success         | Diana Ragbeer  |
| VIII. | Public Comment               | Alexander Soto |
| IX.   | Adjourn                      | Alexander Soto |



Legislative Committee Meeting  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Via Conference Call

**Committee Attendees:** Alex Soto (Chair), Adrian Alfonso (via conference call)

**Committee Absentees:** Lucy Piniero

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres, Jackye Russell, Pamela Hollingsworth, Lisa Sanabria

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**David Lawrence**

- A. Soto called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- A quorum was established with one (2) voting members.

**II. House/Senate Bills**

**Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres discussed the following bills:
  - After-school Programs: SB156/HB 133Expand the current version
  - Medical Assistance Funding for Lawfully Residing Children: SB 248/HB 89
  - After-school Child Care Programs: SB536
  - Education/ Relating to Reading Instruction: SB 1068/HB 7021
  - Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles: SB 1394/HB 7063
  - Eligibility for Employment as Child Care Personnel: SB 1420/HB 1125
  - Voluntary Education Prekindergarten Program: SB 1612 SB 1612/HB 1259
  - Child Care and Development Block Grant Program: HB 7053

**III. Public Comments**

**David Lawrence**

**IV. Adjourn**

**David Lawrence**

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6526 | time in the program and makes satisfactory progress toward a  
 6527 | baccalaureate degree with a major in education or a graduate  
 6528 | degree with a major in education, leading to initial  
 6529 | certification.

6530 | Section 64. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
 6531 | 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

6532 | 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.—

6533 | (2) (a) The corporation shall submit an annual budget  
 6534 | projection to the Department of Education to be included in the  
 6535 | annual legislative budget request. The projection must be based  
 6536 | on the cost to award up to 350 scholarships to new scholars ~~in~~  
 6537 | ~~the junior year~~ and up to 350 renewal scholarships ~~to the 350~~  
 6538 | ~~rising seniors.~~

6539 | Section 65. Committee on Early Grade Success.—The  
 6540 | Committee on Early Grade Success, a committee as defined in s.  
 6541 | 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created within the Department of  
 6542 | Education to develop a proposal for establishing and  
 6543 | implementing a coordinated child assessment system for the  
 6544 | School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten  
 6545 | Education Program, and the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment  
 6546 | and, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall operate  
 6547 | consistent with s. 20.052, Florida Statutes.

6548 | (1) The committee's proposal must include legislative  
 6549 | recommendations for the design and implementation of a  
 6550 | coordinated child assessment system, including, but not limited

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6551 to:

6552 (a) The purpose of a child assessment, with a focus on  
 6553 developmentally appropriate learning gains.

6554 (b) Attributes for tool selection that provide guidance on  
 6555 procurement policies.

6556 (c) An implementation schedule and protocols, including  
 6557 the frequency of data collection and a timeline for training to  
 6558 ensure reliability of the system.

6559 (d) The methodology for collecting and analyzing data that  
 6560 define reporting requirements.

6561 (e) A budget for the system, including cost analyses for  
 6562 purchasing materials and the necessary technology, training to  
 6563 ensure reliability, and data system management.

6564 (f) Considerations for student privacy and tracking child  
 6565 development over time.

6566 (2) The committee is composed of 17 members who are  
 6567 residents of the state and appointed as follows:

6568 (a) Three members appointed by the Governor:

6569 1. One representative from the Office of Early Learning.

6570 2. One representative from the Department of Education.

6571 3. One parent of a child who is 3 to 6 years of age.

6572 (b) Fourteen members jointly appointed by the President of  
 6573 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

6574 1. One representative of an urban school district.

6575 2. One representative of a rural school district.

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- 6576 |       3. One representative of an urban early learning  
 6577 | coalition.
- 6578 |       4. One representative of a rural early learning coalition.
- 6579 |       5. One representative of an early learning provider.
- 6580 |       6. One representative of a faith-based early learning  
 6581 | provider.
- 6582 |       7. One representative who is a kindergarten teacher with  
 6583 | at least 5 years of teaching experience.
- 6584 |       8. One representative who is an elementary school  
 6585 | principal.
- 6586 |       9. Four representatives with subject matter expertise in  
 6587 | early learning, early grade success, or child assessments. The  
 6588 | four representatives may not be direct stakeholders within the  
 6589 | early learning or public school systems or potential recipients  
 6590 | of a contract resulting from the committee's proposal.
- 6591 |       10. One member of the Senate.
- 6592 |       11. One member of the House of Representatives.
- 6593 |       (3) The committee shall elect a chair and vice chair. The  
 6594 | chair must be one of the four members with subject matter  
 6595 | expertise in early learning, early grade success, or child  
 6596 | assessments. The vice chair must be a member appointed by the  
 6597 | President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 6598 | Representatives, who is not one of the four members who are  
 6599 | subject matter experts in early learning, early grade success,  
 6600 | or child assessments. Members of the committee shall serve

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6601 without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per  
 6602 diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida  
 6603 Statutes.

6604 (4) The committee must meet at least three times and shall  
 6605 meet by teleconference or other electronic means, if possible,  
 6606 to reduce costs.

6607 (5) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.

6608 (6) The University of Florida Lastinger Center for  
 6609 Learning shall provide the committee with staff necessary to  
 6610 assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

6611 (7) The committee shall submit a report of its findings  
 6612 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
 6613 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
 6614 December 1, 2017. Upon submission of the report, the committee  
 6615 shall expire.

6616 (8) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
 6617 implement and administer this section.

6618 Section 66. Section 1013.101, Florida Statutes, is created  
 6619 to read:

6620 1013.101 Shared use agreements.-

6621 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.-The Legislature finds  
 6622 that greater public access to recreation and sports facilities  
 6623 is needed to reduce the impact of obesity, diabetes, and other  
 6624 chronic diseases on personal health and health care  
 6625 expenditures. Public schools are equipped with taxpayer-funded



# 2016-2017 Legislative Agenda

## Early education. Lifelong success.

### PRIORITIES:

- **Increase Program Funding**
- **Improve Professional Development Standards**
- **Incentives for Providers that Promote Quality**
- **Improve Industry Standards**
- **Establish a High-Need Community Pay Differential/Tiered Reimbursement**
- **Raise Health and Safety Requirements to Improve Child Care Quality**

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### SCHOOL READINESS & VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- Increase School Readiness funding to address the waiting list of children 0 – 5 and improve the quality of care.
- Increase training requirements for staff in School Readiness programs, ensuring, at a minimum, all have specialized training for the ages of children in their care.
- Establish statewide program performance and effectiveness standards and supports.
- Establish a High-Need Community Pay Differential/Tiered Reimbursement to achieve equity across School Readiness providers.
- Enhance resources for families to inform their decision-making regarding selecting good early learning settings and supports for their children.
- Improve industry standards that must be met by every contracted program offering School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK).
- Increase VPK Base Student Allocation to help programs meet State Board of Education performance standards.
- Revise the VPK assessment and readiness rate process to incorporate developmentally appropriate practices that address all domains of development and incorporates child progress.
- Improve Florida's national best practices ranking by reducing VPK staff to child ratios back to 1:10 or better.
- Improve teacher capacity by increasing the number of required in-service training hours and specialized training in prekindergarten.
- Improve children's access to health care to enhance educational and socio-emotional development.





## ***State Legislative Priorities 2018***

**Increase School Readiness funding to reduce the statewide waitlist and support the economic stability of working families and kindergarten readiness for children.**

There are over 37,000 children on the waitlist.

**Increase Voluntary Prekindergarten Program per-child funding to a minimum of \$2,677.**

**Increase funding for Performance Funding Project (PFP) to expand opportunities for child care providers to achieve higher levels of quality.**

The Performance Funding Program has demonstrated increases in program quality. The intent of the Program is to create a statewide quality rating improvement system to ensure parents and consumers of early childhood education services are able to easily identify and access quality programs in their local communities.

**Support local flexibility and decision-making to meet local needs and maximize the leveraging of local resources.**

Maintain current structure of early learning coalitions and allow local communities to determine how further efficiencies can be achieved.

Allow greater flexibility in Coalition Board membership while maintaining that at least one-third of members are business representatives (e.g., allow community members such as those representing law enforcement and higher education to serve)

Restore greater flexibility in determining eligibility categories based on local needs, returning to eligibility categories in Florida Statutes prior to 2012 legislative changes

Ensure local flexibility in reviewing School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten contract violations and determining appropriate penalties and termination periods (e.g., allow terminations **'up to five years'** rather than requiring all terminations to be for 5 years)

***Florida's economic growth strategy starts at birth by investments in early childhood; Lack of investment in the productivity of the next generation is a deficit strategy, not a growth strategy***



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