



**Legislative/Advocacy Committee
Committee Meeting
Wednesday January 24, 2023; 11 A.M.
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MINUTES

Committee Attendees: Alfred Sanchez, Mayor Holly Raschein, Matthew Bruno

Board members: Sandi Bisceglia

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino, Pam Hollingsworth, Sandra Gonzalez, Michelle Meilan; Victor Caballero, Lisney Badillo, Alex Sanchez, Belkis Torres, Jackie Dominguez, Dr. Espinosa, Ahmed Mitwalli, Mercy Castiglione

General Attendees: PJ Campbell

I. Welcome & Introductions Alfred Sanchez

- A. A Sanchez called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Quorum was established with 3 voting members present.

II. Approval of January 11, 2023 Minutes Alfred Sanchez

- A. Motion to approve minutes by A. Sanchez
- B. Motion seconded by Mayor H. Raschein
- C. Motion unanimously passed.

III. Monroe County Update Mayor Holly Raschein

Mayor H. Raschein reported from Tallahassee. She reported that the Coalition has been working diligently with the local Monroe Chambers. E. Torres will provide the mayor with the Senate Bill number and the House Bill numbers for her to send in a request for a co-sponsor to Senator Rodriguez.

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IV. General Discussion

Evelio Torres

V. Legislative

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| A. 2024 Coalition Advocacy Priorities | Victor Caballero |
| B. Miami-Dade/Monroe Delegation Visits | Victor Caballero |
| C. Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Tallahassee Fly-In | Alfred Sanchez |
| D. Priority Bills Summary | Victor Caballero |

- SB 916 School Readiness Program by Senator Calatayud/Co-Sponsors: Senator Osgood, Senator Perry

Revising requirements for the sliding fee scale for families receiving school readiness program services to include a new method to calculate parent copayments at the time of eligibility determination and annually thereafter, regardless of the number of children; revising requirements for the data elements that must be collected and reported by the Department of Education; revising the method for determining the annual allocation for the school readiness program; deleting a provision relating to certain expenditures from the Gold Seal Quality Care Program allocation, etc.

Effective: 07/01/2024HB

- 929 School Readiness Program by Representative Trabulsy/Co-Sponsors: Representative Massullo

Revises definition of term "economically disadvantaged" for purposes of school readiness program; & revises provisions relating to school readiness program, early learning coalitions, & DOE. Effective: 07/01/2024SB

- 342 School Readiness Program by Senator Jones

Revising the definition of the term "economically disadvantaged" for purposes of the school readiness program, etc. Effective: 07/01/2024

- HB 361 School Readiness Program by Representative Gantt

Revising the definition of the term "economically disadvantaged" for purposes of the school readiness program, etc. Effective: 07/01/2024SB

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- 1026 Early Learning by Senator Grall

Providing the purpose of the program; providing for certain students to be placed on a wait list under certain circumstances; providing requirements for terms of a scholarship; providing early learning coalition, Department of Education, and program provider obligations; providing parent and student responsibilities for program participation, etc. Effective: 07/01/2024

- SB 820 Child Care and Early Learning Providers by Senator Grall

Providing an exemption for public and private preschools from specified special assessments levied by a municipality; defining the term “preschool”; authorizing the use of credits against certain taxes beginning on a specified date; providing a limitation on such credits; requiring repayment of tax credits under certain conditions and using a specified formula; revising licensing standards for all licensed child care facilities and minimum standards and training requirements for child care personnel, etc. Effective: 07/01/2024

- HB 635 Child Care and Early Learning Providers by Representative McFarland

Revises positions related to tax credits for corporations providing or paying for child care; licensing standards for child care facilities; child care personnel; minimum standards; child care regulation; & large family child care homes. Effective: 07/01/2024.

VI. Public Comment

Alfred Sanchez

VII. Adjourn

Alfred Sanchez