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HOW TO MONITOR BILLS DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

URL for Florida House:
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov>

There are two ways you can search for a bill

1. If you know the bill's number, simply put the number in text field labeled "Bill #" and click "Search"
2. If you don't know the bill's number, or simply want to conduct a broader search, you can enter some text from the bill.
 - This method of searching could be useful if you wanted to find all bills that deal with a specific topic.

The screenshot displays the Florida House of Representatives website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search section containing a dropdown menu for the year (set to 2020), a text input field for the bill number, and a "Search" button. Other navigation options include "Statute" (set to 2019), "Search Term", "Chapter", "Site", and "Site Search". The main header features the Florida House of Representatives logo and a menu with links to Home, Bills, Representatives, Committees, Leadership, House Schedule, Publications, and Tracking. Below the header is a "News Alert" section and a large image of the legislative chamber. The main content area is divided into several sections: "House Directory" (Members / Committees / Staff), "Lobbyist Disclosure" (Lobbyist Information), "Upcoming Scheduled Events", "House Majority Office" (House Republicans), and "House Minority Office" (House Democrats). On the right side, there is a quote from Speaker Jose R. Oliva: "LET OUR DEBATE LEAN ON THE STRENGTH OF OUR ARGUMENT RATHER THAN THE VOLUME OF OUR VOICE." Below the quote are links for "Speaker's Legislative Appointments", "Speaker's District Page", and "Florida House Videos".

Each bill will have its own page which contains quite a bit of useful information including the following:

Sponsor and Co-Sponsors →

Companion Bill (if any) →

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News Alert 2019-2020 Committee Week Dates

HB 45 - Private School Eligibility Requirements

General Bill by Eskamani (CO-SPONSORS) Goff-Marcil; Good; Gottlieb; Grieco; Jenne; Polsky; Smith, C.; Valdes

Private School Eligibility Requirements: Revises private school eligibility requirements for state school choice scholarship program.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Last Event: Filed on Friday, August 9, 2019 3:54 PM

Related Bills

Bill #	Subject	Relationship
SB 56	Private School Eligibility Requirements	Identical

Bill Text

[Original Filed Version](#)

Staff Analysis

(None Available)

Vote History

(No Votes Recorded)

Bill History

Event	Time	Member	Committee	Ver.
H Filed	8/09/2019 - 3:54 PM	Eskamani		—

Statutes Referenced by this Bill

1002.421

In addition to searching for bills, you may want to search for committees.

This can be easily done by simply clicking “Committees” from the homepage of the Florida House.

Then, click on the name of the committee you’re interested in.

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-Jose R. Oliva
Speaker

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On the Committee's page you can find when their next meeting is scheduled

The agenda for the next meeting

The leadership of the Committee

The rest of the members of the Committee




And the Committee Staff

Education Committee




Location: 308 House Office Building * 402 South Monroe Street * Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
Contact: (850) 717-4830
Next Meeting: September 17, 2019 10:30 AM

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Leadership for Education Committee

Chair	Vice Chair	Democratic Ranking Member
 <u>Sullivan, Jennifer Mae</u> [R]	 <u>Latvala, Chris</u> [R]	 <u>Antone, Bruce</u> [D]

Representatives

 <u>Aloupis, Jr., Vance Arthur</u> [R]	 <u>Altman, Thad</u> [R]	 <u>Bush III, Dr. James</u> [D]
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Staff

<u>Guy, Jennifer</u> Policy Chief
<u>Hassell, Joanna</u> Staff Director
<u>Fudge, Jason</u> Deputy Staff Director
<u>Jones, Missy</u> Administrative Lead

URL for Florida Senate:
<http://www.flsenate.gov>

You'll notice that the Senate website is set up very similar to the House.

You can search by bill number, and you can search for committees.

Go to Bill: Bill # 2020 Go Find Statute: 2019 Search Term Chapter Find Search Site Search

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The Senate will convene on January 14, 2020, for the Regular Session.





Friday, September 13, 2019

Calendar Filed Today Bill Actions

No events scheduled for this day.


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Spotlights

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Hurricane Michael Recovery

The 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act includes comprehensive long-term recovery funding that brings the total state investment in Hurricane Michael Recovery to \$1.859 Billion.


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SB 56: Private School Eligibility Requirements

GENERAL BILL by [Rouson](#)

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Bill Text: [Web Page](#) | [PDF](#)

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Bill History

DATE	CHAMBER	ACTION
8/2/2019	Senate	• Filed
8/16/2019	Senate	• Referred to Education; Appropriations; Rules

In addition to the bill history, you can find the House companion bill (if any), the text of the bill, any amendments that have been filed to the bill, the legislative analysis of the bill, the vote history, and the statutory citations by selecting the tabs above.

Want to know when a bill has been placed on a committee agenda, when an amendment to the bill has been submitted, and when a bill has been voted upon? The “Track this Bill” feature will provide all of that information (and more) to you.

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You can also click here to watch Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation Public Hearing (from September 11) currently on TV 24/7.

Today's Schedule

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Friday
September
2019

TV 24/7

LIVE
STREAMS x

01:00
pm
TBA

Seminole County
Legislative
Delegation Meeting
(from Sanford)

Live Streams Live

LIVE STREAMS begin streaming 10 minutes prior to their scheduled start times. TV 24/7 events begin streaming at their scheduled start times. Audio is available when events officially convene.

All committee meetings, as well as meetings of the full House and Senate can be streamed live at <http://www.thefloridachannel.org> by choosing the "Live Streams" tab and then selecting the meeting you would like to watch.

The stream will begin 10 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start.

Prefer to watch on your phone? There is a Florida Channel app that will allow you watch livestreams as well as archived videos.

We know that most of our members are unable to watch the meetings live. You can also search the Florida Channel website by entering the name of the committee you are looking for and/or the date of the meeting.

Videos are typically posted within a few hours of the conclusion of the meeting.

The screenshot shows the Florida Channel website's search interface. At the top left, it says "SEARCH TFC:". A search bar contains the text "education committee" and has a magnifying glass icon to its right. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu titled "SUGGESTIONS" lists several search results. The first result is "TFC News Brief – 9/9/19" with a snippet: "Several Florida public universities rose in their national rankings, prompting visits to two campuses by the...". Below this are several results for the "Appropriations Conference Committee on Education/Higher Education" and "Appropriations Conference Committee on Education/PreK-12" with specific dates and times. For example, one result is "4/26/19 Appropriations Conference Committee on Education/Higher Education". Another is "4/25/19 Appropriations Conference Committee on Education/PreK-12 – 9:00 PM". There are also results for "Press Availability with Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education Chair Kelli Star..." and "Press Availability with House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Chris Latvala".

When searching for a date, please use "3/11/18", "3/9/18 Senate Session", "stat

Examples:

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- 4/25/19 Appropriations Conference Committee on Education/PreK-12 – 2:30 PM
- 4/25/19 Appropriations Conference Committee on Education/Higher Education – 2:00 PM
- 4/24/19 Press Availability with Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education Chair Kelli Star...
Following the Appropriations Conference Committee on Education/Higher Education
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- 4/24/19 Press Availability with House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Chris Latvala
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01:00 pm TBA Seminole County Legislative Delegation Meeting (from Sanford)
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