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HOW TO MONITOR BILLS DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

# Find your legislators (https://feaweb.org/legislators/)

Clicking on the URL above and entering your mailing address will bring up your Senator (top) and Representative (bottom).

You can see their phone number and send an email by clicking on the respective email icon.

# Enter your street address and ZIP code below to find your legislator, how to contact them and begin making a difference today.



# URL for Florida House: http://www.myfloridahouse.gov

There are two ways you can search for a bill

- 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.



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

Bill sponsor and cosponsors

Committees of reference

Companion Bill (if any)

Text of the bill

Staff analysis

Vote history



#### Vote History

(No Votes Recorded)

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.



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

Agenda for the next meeting (Click on "View Notice")

The leadership of the Committee

The rest of the members of the Committee

Committee Staff

#### **Education Quality Subcommittee**

Location: 308 House Office Building \* 402 South Monroe Street \* Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300 Contact: (850) 717-4830 Next Meeting: November 15, 2023 3:00 PM



#### Leadership for Education Quality Subcommittee





Vice Chair

Member

**Democratic Ranking** 

Trabulsy, Dana [R]

Temple, John Paul [R] Benjamin, Christopher [D]



# 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.



#### SB 246: Conversion Charter Schools Tracking This Bill Bill Sponsor GENERAL BILL by Harrell Conversion Charter Schools; Revising the requirements for an application for a conversion charter school; authorizing municipalities to apply for the conversion of specified public schools to charter **Glossary of Legislative Terms** schools; authorizing the Charter School Review Commission to solicit and review applications for conversion charter schools, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024 Senate Committee References: Last Action: 11/7/2023 Senate - Referred to Education Pre-K -12; Appropriations Committee on Education; Fiscal Policy 1. Education Pre-K -12 (ED) Bill Text: Web Page | PDF 2. Appropriations Committee on Education (AED) 3. Fiscal Policy (FP) Committees of reference 💾 View By Category View By Bill Version Bill History Related Bills (1) Bill Text (1) Amendments (0) Analyses (0) Vote History (0) Citations (1) **Bill History** DATE CHAMBER ACTION 10/20/2023 Filed Senate Referred to Education Pre-K 12; Appropriations Committee on Education; Fiscal Policy 11/7/2023 Senate

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 that information (and more) to you.

#### SB 246: Conversion Charter Schools

#### GENERAL BILL by Harrell

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Effective Date: 7/1/2024 Last Action: 11/7/2023 Senate - Referred to Education Pre-K -12; Appropriations Committee on Education; Fiscal Policy Bill Text: Web Page | PDF

#### Senate Committee References:

Education Pre-K -12 (ED)
Appropriations Committee on Education (AED)
Fiscal Policy (FP)



Tracking This Bill

**Glossary of Legislative Terms** 

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Clicking on "Track This Bill" will bring you to this screen where you can login if you already have an account or create a new account.

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#### Home > Senate Tracker > Sign Up

#### Create a New Account

Sign up for a Senate Tracker account to track bills, committees, Senators, publications, press releases, and more. You can view the latest status of your tracked items on the Tracker tab and receive notifications via email when events occur related to your tracked items; according to the frequency you indicate below. You may also receive invitations to participate in surveys about this website.



**Quick Links** 

Login to an Existing Account

Creating an account is as simple as filling out the above fields and clicking "Create Account."

By default, the email frequency is set to "never" which isn't terribly helpful. You'll want to be sure to change it to one of the other options. Choosing "instantly" ensures you'll get updates in real-time.

All committee meetings, as well as meetings of the full House and Senate and State Board of Education meetings can be streamed live at <u>http://www.thefloridachannel.org</u> by choosing the "Live Streams" tab and the selecting the meeting you would like to watch. 10/18/23 State Board of Education Meeting



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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 find all education committee videos on our 2024 Session webpage (<u>http://www.feaweb.org/session</u>) within one day after the conclusion of the meeting.

Simply click on the "Video of meeting here" link to watch the meeting.

### Special Session/Interim Committee Week #4, November 6-10

## Monday, November 6:

- 10:00-10:30 a.m. House in session
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. Senate in session
- 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Senate Fiscal Policy Committee will take up SB 4C related to expanding vouchers. (Video of meeting here.)
- 3:30-6:00 p.m. House Appropriations Committee will take up HB 3C related to expanding vouchers. (Video of meeting here.)