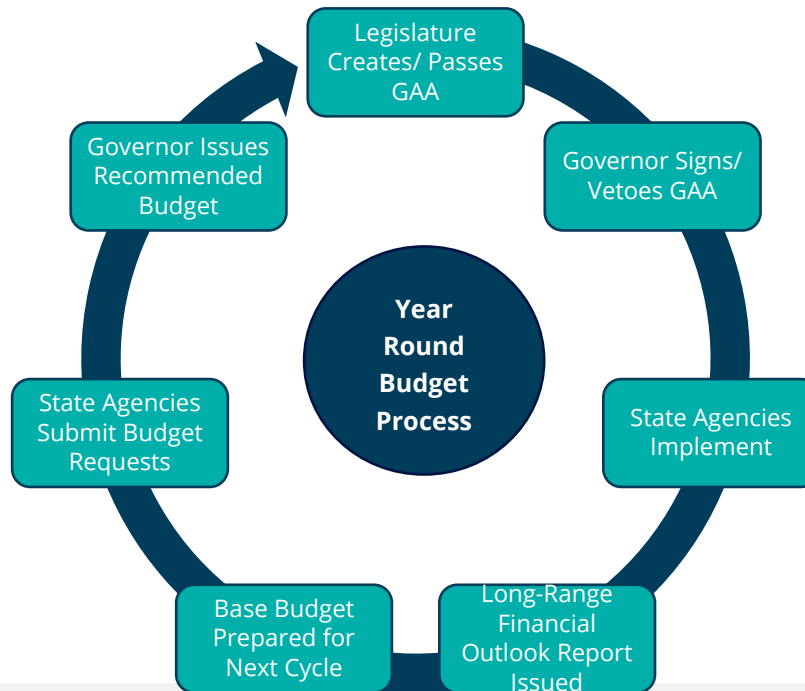


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### Week 4

Both the Senate and the House have filed their proposed GAA (General Appropriation Act) bills. Over the next few weeks, the proposed budgets will be reviewed and amended by both chambers through budget conference negotiations. The Senate and House are required to reach a final agreement on the budget before the legislative session adjourns. The budget will then be delivered to the governor for review and approval. The governor has 15 days to sign the budget and make any line item vetoes. This budget will be implemented when the new fiscal year begins in July.






# Bill Tracking

<b>HB 7051</b>	This proposed committee substitute (PEW1) enhances provisions to improve the implementation of workforce education programs while increasing access to CTE in middle school and high school. The bill revises the Money-Back Guarantee Program to provide flexibility for institutions to determine the three programs for which the institution offers a money-back guarantee, by removing the requirement that the programs be linked to preparing students for in-demand, middle-level to high-level wage occupations. The bill also removes the requirement that all programs offered to meet local workforce demand include a money-back guarantee for employment. The bill requires the ABLE Trust to research, identify, and report on the systems in the state that provide services to persons with disabilities. The bill also delays the scheduled repeal of the ABLE Trust from October 1, 2023, to October 1, 2027.	<b>Now in Appropriations.</b>
<b>SB 256 (Similar to HB 1445)</b>	Requires a public employee who desires to be a member of an employee organization to sign a membership authorization form beginning on a specified date; requires an employee organization to revoke a public employee's membership upon receipt of his or her written request for revocation; prohibits certain employee organizations from having dues and uniform assessments deducted and collected by the employer from certain salaries; revises requirements for applications for initial registrations and renewals of registration of employee organizations; revises prohibitions for employee organizations and certain persons and entities relating to employee organizations.	<b>Passed by the Senate. Sent to House for approval.</b>
<b>HB 339 (Similar to SB 550)</b>	Revises eligibility requirements for educational benefits provided by state to spouse or dependent child of deceased or disabled servicemember; revises eligibility requirements for educational benefits provided by state to dependent child of prisoner of war, person missing in action, or deceased or disabled servicemember who participated in certain military operations.	<b>Passed by the House. Sent to Senate for approval.</b>
<b>SB 274/HB 517 (Identical bills)</b>	Revising a primary goal of the Florida Center for Nursing to provide that development of a state-wide plan for nursing manpower must include the encouragement and coordination of the development of partnerships with hospitals which provide opportunities for nursing students to obtain clinical experience; requiring that the Articulation Coordinating Committee convene a workgroup to establish a process for determining postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded in accredited nursing education programs for military training and education required for service in specified positions; authorizing the award of additional postsecondary credit or career education clock hours.	<b>Passed by the Senate. Sent to House for approval.</b>
<b>SB 732/HB 845 (Identical bills)</b>	Defines the term "military student;" requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules and the Board of Governors to adopt regulations to establish the Collegiate Purple Star Campuses program; specifying program criteria for participating Florida College System institutions, state universities, and career centers.	<b>Placed on Senate Calendar for a second reading.</b>

<b>SB 7026</b>	Requires the BOG to develop regulations for university boards of trustees relating to contracting for the construction of new facilities or for work on existing facilities; authorizes a state university to waive the out-of-state fee for a student who is an intercollegiate athlete receiving a scholarship; revises the list of authorized expenditures that may be included in a carry forward spending plan for state universities and Florida College System institutions; revises a limitation on compensation for state university employees.	<b>Placed on Senate Calendar for a second reading.</b>
<b>HB 139</b>	Provides benefits, training, and employment assistance for Veterans and their spouses, including a requirement for Department of Veterans Affairs to create a grant program for veterans' nursing degree programs.	<b>Now in Health &amp; Human Services Committee.</b>
<b>SB 846 (Similar to HB 679)</b>	Prohibits state universities and state colleges from accepting grants or participating in agreements with a foreign country of concern unless specified conditions are met; authorizes state universities to enter into agreements with a foreign country of concern if such agreement is approved by the BOG and specified requirements are met; authorizes the board to sanction and to withhold performance funding from a state university for entering into an unauthorized foreign agreement; requires each state university and state college to annually submit specified information to the BOG and DOE if certain conditions are met.	<b>Now in Rules.</b>
<b>HB 1401 (Similar to SB 750)</b>	Requires the Articulation Coordinating Committee to convene a workgroup by a specified date to develop specified articulation agreements; requiring Florida College System institutions to award transfer credit for certain courses; providing requirements for an associate in arts specialized transfer degree; providing that, upon approval of a new associate in arts specialized transfer degree, Florida College System institutions may offer the degree and shall report certain data.	<b>Now in Education &amp; Employment.</b>
<b>HB 1555 (Similar to SB 1172)</b>	Establishing the Hunger-Free Campus Pilot Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a specified period; requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture to identify the three state universities or Florida College System institutions with the highest number of Pell Grant-eligible students for participation in the pilot program; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study to evaluate food insecurity on the campuses of state universities and FSC institutions.	<b>Now in Higher Education Appropriations.</b>
<b>SB 542 (Similar to HB 39)</b>	Requires Florida College System institutions & state universities to have supply of emergency opioid antagonists in certain residence halls & dormitories for use by specified employees; provides requirements for placement & accessibility of emergency opioid antagonists & training; provides specified immunity from liability.	<b>In Rules. No action in the past week.</b>
<b>SB 240</b>	Requires the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help to work with other specified entities to provide certain information relating to workforce development boards; revises the list of credentials that must be included on the Master Credentials List; revises the entities that may be a local apprenticeship sponsor; revises the credit requirements for a high school diploma; revises which courses must be included on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List; revises the cost factor for secondary career education programs; revises requirements for the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program.	<b>In Fiscal Policy Committee. No action in the past week.</b>

<b>SB 1060/HB 461 (Identical bills)</b>	Creates the Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Direct Funding Grant Program for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Education to administer the program; requiring apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs to submit an application to the department for participation in the program; prohibiting certain apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs from participating in the grant program.	<b>In Appropriations Committee on Education. No action in the past week.</b>
<b>HB 465</b>	Prohibits institutions from imposing additional criteria to determine student eligibility for Open Door Grant Program; revises student eligibility requirements; & increases amount DOE may reimburse institution through program for completed workforce training program.	<b>In Higher Education Appropriations. No action in the past week.</b>
<b>SB 958 (Similar to HB 931)</b>	Revises date by which SBE & BOG must annually compile & publish specified assessments; establishes Office of Public Policy Events within State University System & provides requirements; designates Florida Student Association as non-profit advocacy organization for students of SUS & provides requirements; & prohibits public institutions of higher education from requiring completion of political loyalty test or for persons to meet certain qualifications for specified purposes.	<b>In Appropriations Committee on Education. No action in the past week.</b>
<b>HB 999</b>	As it relates to Florida Colleges System Institutions - revises requirements for general education core courses; requires Articulation Coordinating Committee to submit certain courses to State Board of Education & Board of Governors; provides requirements for public postsecondary educational institutions & their presidents & boards of trustees relating to general education courses.	<b>In Education and Employment Committee. No action in the past two weeks.</b>

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