

# ACE of Florida Summer Symposium 2023 Legislative Update









# 2023 Session By the Numbers

- ▶ 1828 bills filed
- ▶ General bills, resolutions, memorials, appropriations
- ▶ 909 – Senate      919 – House
- ▶ 40 Senators      120 Representatives
- ▶ 2674 amendments filed
- ▶ 3229 votes taken

# 2019 Session By the Numbers

- ▶ **356 bills passed**
- ▶ **217 signed by the governor**
- ▶ **1 veto**
- ▶ **23 with Governor pending**
- ▶ **Highest percentage of bills filed to bills passed in recent memory**



# Budgets



- ▶ **\$117 Billion for 2023-24 (July 1)**
- ▶ **\$5B more than last year**
- ▶ **\$25B more than three years ago**
- ▶ **Revenues up, population growing, large influx of federal money**
- ▶ **2003-04 \$53B**

# Budgets



- ▶ **\$26.7B in the FEFP ... \$2B increase**
- ▶ **\$252M earmarked to teacher salaries**
- ▶ **5% across-the-board pay increase for state workers**
- ▶ **\$350M “stabilization money” to offset unanticipated expenses created by HB 1 (vouchers for all)**

# Budgets



- ▶ **Workforce education fund and relationships**
- ▶ **Adult education performances**



## 2023 Session - Passed

- ▶ **Orchestrated session**
- ▶ **HB 1 vouchers for all \$8K per student**
- ▶ **Immigration reform package**
- ▶ **Abortion restrictions**
- ▶ **LGBTQ restrictions; drag queen shows, restrooms, don't say gay, pronouns ... et al**

## 2023 Session - Passed

- ▶ **Elimination concealed carry requirement**
- ▶ **Elimination of Enterprise Florida**
- ▶ **Affordable housing**
- ▶ **Easing of teacher certification process**
- ▶ **Death penalty issue**
- ▶ **Partisan school board races – 2024 ballot**

## 2023 Session - Bills That Failed

- ▶ **Blogger bill - failed**
- ▶ **Lowering the defamation standard to sue media outlets - failed**
- ▶ **Lowering the age to legally carry a "long gun" – failed**
- ▶ **Replacing the Mockingbird with the Florida Scrub-jay as the official state bird – failed**
- ▶ **Fluorescent green license plates - failed**

# 2023 Adult Ed Hot Buttons

- ▶ **Smart Horizons funding**
- ▶ **SB 1718**
- ▶ **HB 265**



# THANK YOU!!

- ▶ **To everyone who came to Tallahassee last February**
- ▶ **To everyone who emailed, called or communicated with their legislator over the past year**
- ▶ **To everyone who sent us intel on issues they heard from the field**
- ▶ **To everyone who has a relationship with their legislators and staff**



**THOUGHTS & PRAYERS**

**HERE WE GO AGAIN.**

# Important Dates For Florida

- ▶ **September 18**      **Interim committee weeks begin**
- ▶ **December 11**      **Final committee week**
- ▶ **January 9**          **Regular session convenes**
- ▶ **March 8**            **Regular session ends**
- ▶ **March 2024**      **Presidential primaries begin**









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# Questions - Issues - Concerns

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