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

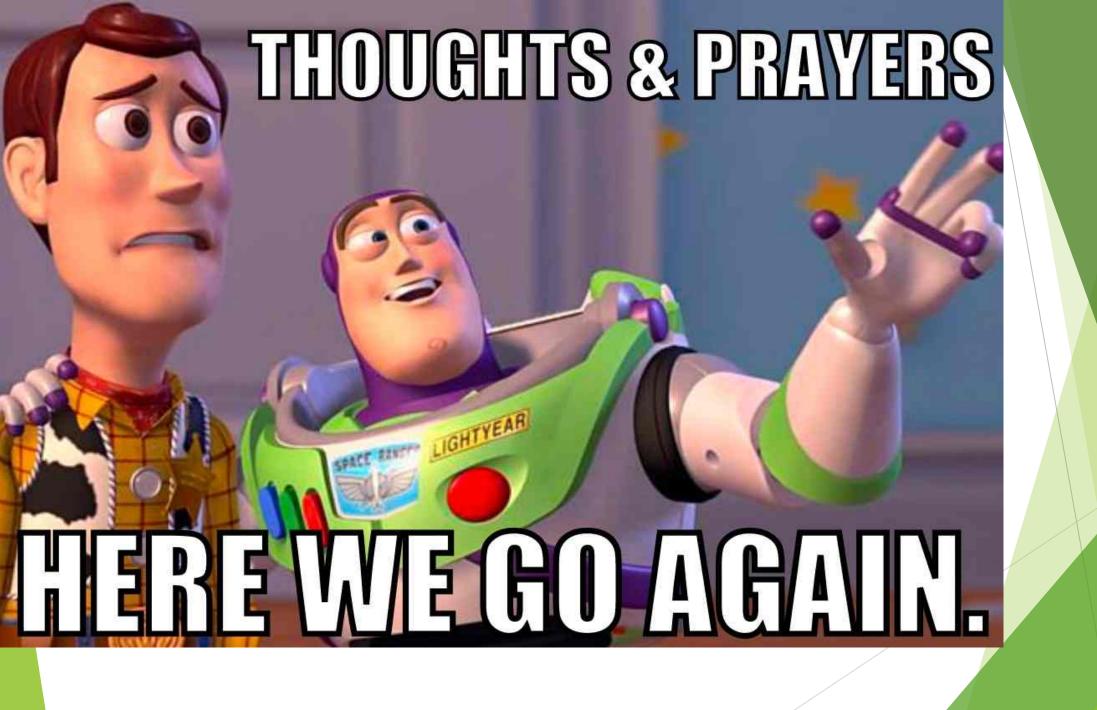
- Blogger bill failed
- Lowering the defamation standard to sue media outlets failed
- Lowering the age to legally carry a "long gun" failed
- Replacing the Mockingbird with the Florida Scrub-jay as the official state bird
 - failed
- Fluorescent green license plates failed

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



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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