

## CHAPTER 2002-387

### Senate Bill No. 20-E

An act relating to education and matters connected therewith; creating the “Florida K-20 Education Code”; creating ch. 1000, F.S., entitled “K-20 General Provisions,” consisting of part I relating to general provisions, part II relating to systemwide definitions, and part III relating to educational compacts; creating ch. 1001, F.S., entitled “K-20 Governance,” consisting of part I relating to state-level governance, part II relating to school district governance, part III relating to community colleges, and part IV relating to state universities; creating ch. 1002, F.S., entitled “Student and Parental Rights and Educational Choices,” consisting of part I relating to general provisions, part II relating to student and parental rights, part III relating to educational choice, and part IV relating to home education, private schools, and other education options; creating ch. 1003, F.S., entitled “Public K-12 Education,” consisting of part I relating to general provisions, part II relating to school attendance, part III relating to control of students, part IV relating to public K-12 educational instruction, part V relating to specialized instruction for certain public K-12 students, and part VI relating to pilot public K-12 education programs; creating ch. 1004, F.S., entitled “Public Postsecondary Education,” consisting of part I relating to general provisions, part II relating to state universities, part III relating to community colleges, and part IV relating to workforce development education; creating ch. 1005, F.S., entitled “Nonpublic Postsecondary Education,” consisting of part I relating to general provisions, part II relating to the Commission for Independent Education, and part III relating to licensure of nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions; creating ch. 1006, F.S., entitled “Support for Learning and Student Services,” consisting of part I relating to public K-12 education support for learning and student services and part II relating to postsecondary educational institutions; creating ch. 1007, F.S., entitled “Access and Articulation,” consisting of part I relating to general provisions, part II relating to articulation, and part III relating to access to postsecondary education; creating ch. 1008, F.S., entitled “Assessment and Accountability,” consisting of part I relating to assessment, part II relating to accountability, and part III relating to the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement; creating ch. 1009, F.S., entitled “Educational Scholarships, Fees, and Financial Assistance,” consisting of part I relating to general provisions, part II relating to postsecondary student fees, part III relating to financial assistance, part IV relating to prepaid college board programs, and part V relating to the Florida higher education loan authority; creating ch. 1010, F.S., entitled “Financial Matters,” consisting of part I relating to general accounting requirements, part II relating to financial reporting, part III relating to audit requirements

and procedures, part IV relating to bonding, and part V relating to trust funds; creating ch. 1011, F.S., entitled "Planning and Budgeting," consisting of part I relating to preparation, adoption, and implementation of budgets, part II relating to funding for school districts, part III relating to funding for workforce education, part IV relating to funding for community colleges, and part V relating to funding for state universities; creating ch. 1012, F.S., entitled "Personnel," consisting of part I relating to general provisions, part II relating to K-20 personnel issues, part III relating to public schools personnel, part IV relating to public postsecondary educational institutions personnel, part V relating to professional development, and part VI relating to the interstate compact on qualifications of educational personnel; creating ch. 1013, F.S., entitled "Educational Facilities," consisting of part I relating to functions of the Department of Education, part II relating to use and management of educational facilities, part III relating to planning and construction of educational facilities, and part IV relating to funding for educational facilities; reenacting and amending s. 20.15, F.S., relating to the Department of Education, to conform; amending ss. 11.061, 11.40, 11.45, 23.1225, 24.121, 39.0015, 39.407, 61.13015, 105.061, 110.1228, 110.123, 110.151, 110.181, 110.205, 112.1915, 112.313, 120.52, 120.55, 120.81, 121.051, 121.091, 145.131, 145.19, 153.77, 159.27, 163.3177, 163.3191, 195.096, 196.012, 196.031, 196.1983, 200.001, 200.065, 200.069, 201.24, 210.20, 212.04, 212.0602, 212.08, 213.053, 215.20, 215.82, 216.181, 216.301, 218.39, 220.183, 222.22, 250.115, 255.0515, 255.0516, 265.2861, 265.603, 267.173, 267.1732, 282.005, 282.103, 282.105, 282.106, 282.3031, 282.3063, 282.310, 284.34, 285.18, 287.042, 287.055, 287.064, 288.039, 288.8175, 295.01, 295.015, 295.016, 295.017, 295.018, 295.019, 295.0195, 316.003, 316.027, 316.515, 316.6145, 316.615, 316.70, 316.72, 318.12, 318.14, 320.08058, 320.20, 320.38, 322.031, 322.091, 322.095, 322.21, 333.03, 364.508, 380.0651, 381.003, 381.005, 381.0056, 381.0302, 391.055, 393.0657, 394.4572, 394.495, 394.498, 395.602, 395.605, 397.405, 397.451, 397.951, 402.22, 402.302, 402.3057, 409.145, 409.1757, 409.2598, 409.9071, 409.908, 409.9122, 411.01, 411.203, 411.223, 414.1251, 440.16, 445.04, 445.0121, 445.024, 447.203, 447.301, 447.403, 450.081, 450.121, 458.3145, 458.324, 459.0125, 468.1115, 468.607, 468.723, 471.0035, 476.114, 476.144, 476.178, 477.0132, 477.019, 477.0201, 477.023, 480.033, 481.229, 488.01, 553.415, 559.902, 589.09, 627.733, 627.742, 627.912, 633.445, 633.50, 732.402, 784.081, 817.566, 817.567, 877.18, 921.187, 943.10, 943.22, 944.801, 948.03, 984.03, 984.05, 984.151, 984.19, 985.03, 985.04, 985.316, and 985.412, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross references; revising provisions relating to audits of the accounts and records of district school boards; providing purpose of this act; authorizing activities relating to the reorganization of the Department of Education and implementation of changes to the state system of education; repealing s. 187.201(1), F.S., relating to the education goals and policies of the State

Comprehensive Plan; repealing s. 2 of ch. 2000-181, Laws of Florida, relating to the repeal of s. 236.081, F.S., effective June 30, 2004; repealing part I of ch. 243, F.S., relating to the educational institutions law, and ch. 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 239, 240, 241, 242, 244, and 246, F.S., relating to public education general provisions, functions of state educational agencies, the district school system, personnel of the school system, compulsory school attendance and child welfare, courses of study and instructional aids, transportation of school children, educational facilities, finance and taxation of schools, financial accounts and expenditures for public schools, vocational, adult, and community education, postsecondary education, distance learning, specialized state educational institutions, educational compacts, and nonpublic postsecondary institutions; providing duties of the Division of Statutory Revision; providing for review of ch. 1000-1013, F.S., during the 2003 Regular Session; requiring each district school board to develop a plan for a K-12 foreign language curriculum; amending s. 110.1099, F.S.; deleting a requirement that credit hours generated by state employee fee waivers be fundable credit hours; providing for severability; providing effective dates.

WHEREAS, Representative Jerry G. Melvin has served in the Florida House of Representatives for 18 years, from 1968-1978 and 1995-2002, and is the current Dean of this great institution, and

WHEREAS, Representative Jerry G. Melvin served for many years on the Education Appropriations Committee, chaired the Education Innovation Committee from 1997 through 2000, and has chaired the Council for Lifelong Learning from 2000 through 2002, and

WHEREAS, in his many years of education chairmanship, Representative Jerry G. Melvin has fought tirelessly to achieve the public policy goals of the House leadership, and

WHEREAS, in his final year of service to this House, Representative Jerry G. Melvin has accomplished his crowning achievement by bringing before this body, as required in last year's education governance legislation, a new, clear, concise revision of the entire education code that reflects the new governance structure, and

WHEREAS, this new education code is the largest, most comprehensive piece of legislation ever brought before this Legislature and epitomizes the dedication and hard work of Representative Jerry G. Melvin, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 895. Subsectoin 96) of section 120.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

120.52 Definitions.—As used in this act:

(6) “Educational unit” means a local school district, a community college district, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a state university ~~unit of the State University System other than the Board of Regents.~~

Section 896. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 120.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.55 Publication.—

(1) The Department of State shall:

(a)1. Publish in a permanent compilation entitled “Florida Administrative Code” all rules adopted by each agency, citing the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which each rule was adopted, all history notes as authorized in s. 120.545(9), and complete indexes to all rules contained in the code. Supplementation shall be made as often as practicable, but at least monthly. The department may contract with a publishing firm for the publication, in a timely and useful form, of the Florida Administrative Code; however, the department shall retain responsibility for the code as provided in this section. This publication shall be the official compilation of the administrative rules of this state. The Department of State shall retain the copyright over the Florida Administrative Code.

2. Rules general in form but applicable to only one school district, community college district, or county, or a part thereof, or state university rules relating to internal personnel or business and finance shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code. Exclusion from publication in the Florida Administrative Code shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of such rules.

3. At the beginning of the section of the code dealing with an agency that files copies of its rules with the department, the department shall publish the address and telephone number of the executive offices of each agency, the manner by which the agency indexes its rules, a listing of all rules of that agency excluded from publication in the code, and a statement as to where those rules may be inspected.

4. Forms shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code; but any form which an agency uses in its dealings with the public, along with any accompanying instructions, shall be filed with the committee before it is used. Any form or instruction which meets the definition of “rule” provided in s. 120.52 shall be incorporated by reference into the appropriate rule. The reference shall

specifically state that the form is being incorporated by reference and shall include the number, title, and effective date of the form and an explanation of how the form may be obtained.

Section 897. Paragraphs (a), (c), (e), (g), (i), and (j) of subsection (1) of section 120.81, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 120.81 Exceptions and special requirements; general areas.—

(1) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.536(1) and the flush left provisions of s. 120.52(8), district school boards may adopt rules to implement their general powers under s. 1001.41 ~~230.22~~.

(c) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(15), any tests, test scoring criteria, or testing procedures relating to student assessment which are developed or administered by the Department of Education pursuant to s. 1003.43 ~~229.57~~, s. 1003.438, s. 1008.22 ~~232.245~~, or s. 1008.25 ~~232.246~~, or s. ~~232.247~~, or any other statewide educational tests required by law, are not rules.

(e) Educational units, other than the state universities ~~units of the State University System~~ and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, shall not be required to make filings with the committee of the documents required to be filed by s. 120.54 or s. 120.55(1)(a)4.

(g) Sections 120.569 and 120.57 do not apply to any proceeding in which the substantial interests of a student are determined by a state university ~~the State University System~~ or a community college district. ~~The Board of Regents shall establish a committee, at least half of whom shall be appointed by the Council of Student Body Presidents, which shall establish rules and guidelines ensuring fairness and due process in judicial proceedings involving students in the State University System.~~

(i) For purposes of s. 120.68, a district school board whose decision is reviewed under the provisions of s. 1012.33 ~~231.36~~ and whose final action is modified by a superior administrative decision shall be a party entitled to judicial review of the final action.

(j) Notwithstanding s. 120.525(2), the agenda for a special meeting of a district school board under authority of s. 1001.372(1) ~~230.16~~ shall be prepared upon the calling of the meeting, but not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.