

HB 5003
IMPLEMENTING BILL FOR FY 2018-2019 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

HB 5003 is the bill to implement HB 5001, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for fiscal year (FY) 2018-2019. Implementing bills make actual changes in a wide range of existing statutes to make it possible to implement the funding and proviso language contained in the GAA. Some of the language changes reappear every year, but the Legislature never choose to make the changes permanent or is unable to make the changes permanent due to specific issues in the GAA or Florida Statutes. **Because some of the provisions of HB 5003 may be of great importance to the districts it is critical that district leaders understand that all of the provisions of the implementing bill, just like all the provisions of the GAA, expire at midnight, June 30, 2019. If the district wants a provision in the implementing bill continued, the leaders should begin their legislative strategies to accomplish that goal as soon as possible and maintain their efforts until the 2019 session adjourns Sine Die.**

There are not many provision in HB 5003 that directly impact Pre-K-12 public schools. The sections of the bill that impact our operations are examined below.

Section One: The section expresses the intent of the Legislature that the implementing and administering provisions of HB 5003 apply to the FY 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act.

Section Two: The section incorporates by reference the Florida Education Finance Program work papers into the bill.

Section Three: The section provides that, "In order to implement Specific Appropriations 6 and 92 of the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 1002.20, 1003.02, 1006.28-1006.42, 1011.62(6)(b)5., and 1011.67, Florida Statutes, relating to the expenditure of funds provided for instructional materials, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, funds provided for instructional materials shall be released and expended as required in the proviso language for Specific Appropriation 92 of the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act. This section expires July 1, 2019." This language is the same language that was included in the current fiscal year's implementing bill.

Section Four: This section provides the implementing language for the funding compression allocation. The specific language is as follows.

(16) FUNDING COMPRESSION ALLOCATION. —The Legislature may provide an annual funding compression allocation in the General Appropriations Act. The allocation is created to provide additional funding to school districts and developmental research schools whose total funds per FTE in the prior year were less than the statewide average. Using the most recent prior year FEEP calculation for each eligible school district, the total funds per FTE shall be subtracted from the state average funds per FTE, not including any adjustments made pursuant to paragraph (17) (b). The resulting funds per FTE difference, or a portion thereof, as designated in the General Appropriations Act, shall then be multiplied by the school district's total unweighted FTE to provide the allocation. If the calculated funds are greater than the amount included in the General Appropriations Act, they must be prorated to the appropriation amount based on each participating school district's share. This subsection expires July 1, 2019.

Section 44 provides that there is a prohibition on using funds from the General Appropriations Act for Workforce Development for the education of state and federal prisoners "except to the extent that such funds are specifically appropriated for such purpose in the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act."

There are no other sections of HB 5003 that apply to public schools.