

FADIMA MONTHLY

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADMINISTRATORS

President's Message: Bill Purtell, Palm Beach County



Onyahsa! I know everyone is hard at work planning and preparing for the new adoptions and instructional materials purchases for the fall.

Members of the FADIMA Legislative Board have also been busy working diligently on your behalf to get Legislators to listen our concerns.

This year our work has been clearly defined: maintain categorical funding, do not allow the categorical to be used to purchase hardware, and keep the integrity of state adoption process.

The FADIMA Cost Analysis is rapidly approaching. It will be held in West Palm Beach on May 13th and 14th.

This is one of the most important events for our organization. The FADIMA Cost Analysis has historically been used by the Florida Legislature to determine the instructional materials categorical budget.

Our organization may be small in numbers, and sometimes it seems impossible to believe that such a small group can get so much accomplished. I have come to realize it's our integrity that carries a large voice in Tallahassee.

It is my hope that we will have many districts represented.

Please encourage your colleagues from districts that don't normally attend to join us.

Most likely, you've heard that Florida did NOT get a Round 1 Race to the Top grant. It means this session of the Legislature, which expires April

30th, will end without a state grant in hand to fund major state portions of SB4 and SB6 on end of course exams or other assessment development pieces for which FLDOE had planned.

Applications for Phase 2 of Race to the Top are due on June 1, 2010.

Also being monitored is the proposed reduction of funding for A-P, I-B and other advanced courses in the Senate as well as a recommended cut in performance funding for career academies meeting industry certification.

However, the focus is on the bottom line. If additional revenues are identified this session and approved, it would be our hope that all of education will get some benefit in the final conference budget.

This is truly critical with expected passage of SB4 and SB6 that now, with no

federal Race to the Top (RttT) grant in hand, represent significant costs, especially in legislature-mandated district creation of end of course exams for over 500 courses in Florida's high school course code directory (SB6).

Happy Easter!



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Educational Bills of Interest to FADIMA



HB 0623 (Burgin)

Relating to Instructional Materials for K-12 Public Education

Instructional Materials for K-12 Public Education: Includes electronic textbooks in definition of term "adequate instructional materials"; requires each district school board to provide technology as needed for its educational program; authorizes use of certain funds for purchase of electronic textbooks by district school boards; provides for purchase of electronic or computer hardware under certain conditions.

HB 1173 (Fresen)

Relating to K-12 Educational Instruction

K-12 Educational Instruction: Authorizes formation of virtual charter school; revises provisions for funding Florida Virtual School; authorizes home education students to enroll in virtual instruction courses; exempts certain Florida-based nonpublic schools from requirements relating to attendance records & reports, school-entry health examinations, & student immunizations; revises provisions relating to school district virtual instruction programs; revises requirements for certified teachers, provides that program may be part-time, & revises requirements for approval of program provider; revises student eligibility & enrollment, reporting & funding, & accountability requirements; authorizes full-time students to take virtual instruction courses; requires students to take online course for high school graduation; provides that instructional materials include computer hardware; revises FEFP provisions relating to virtual instruction; authorizes issuance of adjunct educator certificate to virtual instruction educators.

HB1223 (Mayfield)

Instructional Materials

Public School Mathematics and Science Instructional Materials: Creates Florida Center for World Excellence in Mathematics & Science to provide for review of mathematics & science instructional materials; provides duties of center to include recommendations to Commissioner of Education of instructional materials for use in K-12 public schools beginning with 2011-2012 school year; requires commissioner to adopt instructional materials in mathematics & science according to schedule developed by commissioner; requires center to form advisory panels for mathematics & science to make recommendations to center; specifies requirements for recommended instructional materials; provides for funding.

Bill's continued.....**SB 2304 (Altman)****Relating to Math & Science Instructional Materials**

Math & Science Instructional Materials [WPSC]; Creates the Florida Center for World Excellence in Mathematics and Science to provide for the review of mathematics and science instructional materials. Provides duties of the center to include recommendations to the Commissioner of Education of instructional materials for use in K-12 public schools beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

HB 5101 (PreK-12 Appropriations Funding Committee)**Relating to Prekindergarten through Grade 12 Education**

Prekindergarten through Grade 12 Education Funding: Revises provisions relating to school capital outlay surtax, transfer of funds for class size reduction, appropriation of funds for regional consortium service organizations, calculations for funding lab schools, capital outlay funding for charter schools, calculations for funding Florida Virtual School, certain scholarship payments, & school district virtual instruction programs; revises requirements for maximum class size to include requirements contingent on voter approval of joint resolution; provides requirements relating to gifted student education, electronic learning management systems, instructional materials, FEFP calculations, calculation of funds for instructional materials & transportation, & levy of certain school district millage.

SB1124 (Altman)**Relating to Instructional Materials for K-12 Public Education**

Instructional Materials for K-12 Public Education [SPSC]; Includes computer hardware in the definition of the term "adequate instructional materials." Requires each district school board to provide technology as needed for its educational program. Authorizes the use of certain funds for the purchase of computer hardware by district school boards.

It may be a little premature, but it seems that the House and Senate have agreed to fund the categorical at the level it was funded last year (\$216 million). The language will also include "flexibility", but only after March 1, 2011 and only after your district has purchased the math content.

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2010 Cost Analysis—Palm Beach

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