

**Florida Association of School Administrators**  
*FASA Supports*

**Issue:**

- Seminole Indian Gaming Compact
- Contacts: **Representatives:**

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Abruzzo	Gibbons	Robaina
Adams	Gibson	Roberson
Bogdanoff	Hays	Weatherford
Brandenburg	Lopez-Canteres	Zapata

**Background:**

- Governor Crist and the Seminole Indian Tribal Council have signed a 25 year compact in which the Seminoles agree to pay revenue to the state from the proceeds from class III gaming activities.
- The Compact represents an important new source of revenue that will guarantee at least \$100 million per year to the state over the agreement's 25 year lifetime.
- The Legislature must approve the Compact in order for it to take effect.
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives has established a Select Committee on Seminole Indian Compact Review (members listed above).

**Solution:**

- Encourage House and Senate members to approve the Seminole Indian Gaming Compact and earmark the revenue proceeds for public schools.

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## ***HOURLY EQUIVALENT OF 180 DAYS***

### **Issue:**

- Hourly Equivalent of 180 Day School Year
- Senate Bill 530 by Sen. Evelyn Lynn  
House Bill \_\_\_\_\_ by Rep. Kurt Kelly
- Contacts: 

<u>Senators</u>		<u>Representatives</u>		
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Wilson	Siplin	Flores	Jones	Workman
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Gaetz	Pruitt	Burgin	Plakon	
Sobel	Richter			
Storms				

### **Background:**

- The state continues to be in the throes of an economic downturn that is predicted to continue for the next several years. The reduction in tax revenue has not been accompanied by a reduction in school district expenses and many districts are facing a fiscal crisis.

### **Solution:**

- Enact legislation that will continue and further increase flexibility in the use of district operating funds to meet school needs. Senate Bill 530 creates such flexibility by authorizing school boards to operate an hourly equivalent of the 180 school year and offer the hourly equivalent of 196 days employment for a school year. The authorization would open the possibility of innovations like a 4-day school week that could result in savings in transportation, utilities and food services costs.

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## **COLLECTION ON INTERNET SALES**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The internet has changed the way retailers to do business, allowing them to cut costs and beam their products directly into customers' homes. Overall, that's a good thing. The retail industry is a major driver of our economy, and one of the most competitive business sectors

But the growth of e-commerce has inadvertently created an unfair sales tax climate that is undermining fair competition in the retail industry and hurting many local stores. Soon, Congress will have the opportunity to reestablish a level playing field by authorizing the Streamlined Sales Tax Project.

### **STATUS:**

Congress must fix a fundamental inequity: Local stores are required to collect state and local sales taxes, but companies that deal exclusively through remote sales – Internet, catalog or television shopping – are not. Instead, Florida law says the consumer must submit the use tax on remote sales – essentially equivalent to the sales tax.

In Florida, most consumers don't know about the use tax. As a result, the state collected only \$1.5 million out of more that \$1 billion due in remote sales taxes last year.

In 2005, Internet catalog and television shopping sales accounted for about 10 percent of all purchases. Electronic retailing is growing about three times as fast as traditional retailing. By 2006 the estimated loss was about \$3.2 billion annually.

These are general revenue dollars that Florida should be collecting today to support education and all essential services.

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Support Senator Altman's bill which will begin the process to collect these taxes. Ask Representative Dean Cannon to support legislation to encourage Congress to act (Joint Resolution) on the Streamlined Sales Tax Project and to pass legislation to prepare Florida to collect the tax.

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## Support: Physical Education Waiver

### Issue:

- Mandatory physical education classes in middle schools and “continuous” 30-minute PE in elementary schools.
- The requirements of SB610 enacted in 2008 have become an unfunded mandate necessitating the hiring of additional teachers in middle schools and shortening or otherwise adjusting core content instruction to make room for the requirements;
- The waivers contained in SB610 have done little to offset the PE requirements, particularly for students performing at levels 2-3 who need instructional assistance in academic areas; in particular, master board scheduling in middle schools has become very difficult to adhere to the requirements while focusing on the main mission of core instruction.

### Background:

- SB610 requires 30 *continuous* minutes of physical education in elementary schools and 150 minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in a school with one or more elementary grades;
- SB610 requires the equivalent of one class period per day of PE for one semester of each year for all students in grades 6-8;

### Solution:

Because of pending, severe economic constraints in 2009-2010, hold the “continuous” PE instruction requirement in elementary schools and the specified middle school PE class period in abeyance for 2009-2010.

### Proposed Legislation:

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, to read:

1003.455 Physical education: assessment. –

(6) The requirements in subsection (3) shall be held in abeyance until the 2010-2011 school year.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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## Some Likely Substantive Legislation Topics

**Differentiated pay** – currently in law, but with failings and non-funding of MAP and its predecessors, it may be “beefed up” into another set of state guidelines/requirements to mandate salaries based on performance without requiring any new dollars. No legislation filed as of 1/12.

**Retirement** – bills likely pursued to cap “double-dipping” such as reemployment after 30-days of retirement—lots of press mostly on elected officials; also severance limited to one-year salary as in SB6A for superintendents and school employees; also possible attempts to limit FRS such as reducing or eliminating 3% COLA for retirees; capping the direct benefit option at some point in time (SB534).

**A+ Plan (FCAT)** – not much is expected until A) FLDOE sees how changes to high school grading (SB1908, 2008) are implemented, and B) federal action is taken on reauthorization or guidance changes to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/NoChild Left Behind.

**Zero Tolerance** – almost passed the 2008 legislature. Likely will get serious consideration to provide more specific infractions that dictate expulsion or other disciplinary action (SB406, prefiled).

**Charter Schools** – legislation on charter school accountability nearly passed last session; individual or committee bills expected to be considered; Appeals Court ruling on unconstitutionality of Florida Schools of Excellence Commission will likely spark debate on how, if possible, to replace it or turn the Commission into an appeals board for charters disapproved by school districts.

**Lunsford Part IV** – various bills prefiled to toughen residency and reporting requirements of identified predators...may or may not end up affecting schools.

**Droopy Drawers/Baggy Pants** –SB 390 is back in an effort to have a statewide dress code. A number of local governmental agencies have adopted ordinances, some of which have been ruled unconstitutional by local courts.

**Name Your Own Bill** – over 85 bills have been prefiled affecting PreK-12 education in some fashion. These are available for review at [www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov) and [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov).



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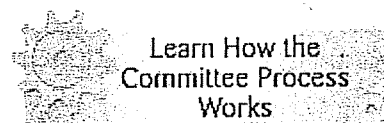
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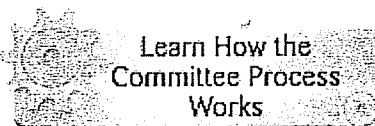
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