



April 5, 2017

Charter School Preemption

Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m., the [House Education Committee](#) will consider [HB 7101 \(Cortes\)](#) a bill relating to K-12 Education.

HB 7101 includes a provision that would significantly preempt local government input in the conversion of a library, community service, museum, performing arts, theatre, cinema, church, Florida College System institution, college, and university facilities as a charter school. Essentially, one of these facilities could be used to set up a charter school, and not need “any other form of approval” from the local government. This would include occupancy requirements, site plan changes, fire and life safety code issues, parking, traffic circulation, pick up and drop off areas or even public hearings.

Please contact members of the House Education Committee and ask them to Oppose this provision in HB 7101.

House Education Committee – Oppose Charter School Preemption in HB 7101

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Update on Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs)

Today, [CS/HB 13 \(Raburn\)](#) passed the [House Ways and Means Committee](#) by a vote of 14-5.

Yeas

Jim Boyd, Chair
Colleen Burton, V. Chair
Joseph Abruzzo
Halsey Beshears
Matt Caldwell
Bob Cortes
Dane Eagle, Ex officio member
Jay Fant
Don Hahnfeldt
Mike La Rosa
Stan McClain
Mike Miller
Kathleen Peters
Cyndi Stevenson

Nays

Bruce Antone
Loranne Ausley
Joe Geller
Al Jacquet
Evan Jenne

Please thank the Representative who voted “No” on CS/HB 13.

The bill was amended to address several municipal concerns, but the League still has other concerns, specifically regarding language prohibiting the creation of any new CRA. Additionally, the use of TIF (Tax Increment Finance) funds is limited only to those purposes specified in statute.

To watch the committee hearing, click here – <http://thefloridachannel.org/videos/4517-house-ways-means-committee/>

Consideration of CS/HB 13 begins at 37:26.

Update on Expanded Homestead Exemption

The [House Ways and Means Committee](#) also passed [WMC 4](#), a proposed constitutional amendment that creates an additional \$25,000 exemption for homestead properties for the purposes of non-school (city, county and special district) property taxes. The bill passed by a vote of 13-6.

Yeas

Jim Boyd, Chair
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Jay Fant
Al Jacquet
Mike La Rosa
Stan McClain
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Nays

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Please thank the Representative who voted “No” on WMC 4. The legislation will next get assigned a bill number and be referred to House committees. We will keep you posted.

To watch the committee hearing, click here – <http://thefloridachannel.org/videos/4517-house-ways-means-committee/>

Consideration of WMC 4 begins at 1:28:30.

Thank you to all the municipal officials who traveled to Tallahassee to testify and those who e-mailed and contacted members of the Ways and Means Committee!