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Yesterday, hundreds of students and activists packed the Florida Senate Rules Committee to support a ban on the sale of assault rifles. The committee ended up passing SB 7026 – Public Safety (9 to 4 vote) which would raise the age to purchase rifles from 18 to 21, create a three-day waiting period to buy any firearm (not just handguns), and authorizes teachers to carry concealed weapons in school if they undergo law enforcement training and are deputized by the local sheriff's office. The bill also expands law enforcement's ability to confiscate firearms from persons adjudged as mentally defective, undergoing a mental crisis, or given an involuntary evaluation under the Baker Act. The measure also allows for the creation of a school safety awareness application for electronic devices such as mobile phones, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission to review and investigate the incident, and the Office of Safe Schools in the Department of Education to coordinate safe learning environments.

Several amendments were offered by Democrats, most notably an outright ban on assault weapons. Both measures failed on a party-line vote with Republican Sen. Anitere Flores voting with Democrats.

SB 7022 – Firearm Safety was not considered in the Rules Committee as most of its provisions were rolled into SB 7026 which will be heard later today in the Senate Appropriations Committee, it's last committee of reference before heading to the floor.

As of 9AM this morning, the House Appropriations Committee is considering similar legislation (APC 6, APC 7, and APC 8) to the Senate's. The Committee has already voted down an amendment which would amount to an outright assault weapons ban. We will monitor and update as the meeting continues. This is the only committee reference for these bills and if passed will move to the House floor.



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