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SENATOR DOROTHY L. HUKILL

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SENATOR HUKILL'S SCHOOL VISITATION BILL RECEIVES WARM WELCOME; PASSES SENATE FLOOR

TALLAHASSEE, FL- Senator Dorothy L. Hukill's (R-Port Orange) bill allowing State Legislators to visit schools in their local districts passed unanimously on the Senate floor today.

Senator Hukill's legislation, SB 118, provides the opportunity for elected officials to meet with their youngest constituents, and the teachers guiding them, in their district schools. The bill, titled Visitation of Schools by State Legislators, allows for local representatives to listen to concerns, answer questions, and see what challenges teachers face daily. Visitation to schools will also provide the opportunity for teachers, counselors, administrators, and staff to communicate personally with their representatives.

"Children are the future of our state and teachers are the ones leading them. As elected officials, it is critical for us to build relationships and trust with the community we serve," said Senator Hukill. "During my time in office, I've had the pleasure of visiting with many school children and teachers in my office. The opportunity to be able to visit them, and see the amazing work they do in our schools, would be both gratifying and beneficial."

"I would like to thank all of the educators and staff members who have been very supportive of this bill. I would also like to thank all of my colleagues for their tremendous support of this bill," said Senator Hukill. "This is all about strengthening bonds in our communities and recognizing first-hand the amazing work that goes on every day in our schools."

ATTACHED: CS/SB 118 by Senator Hukill

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Senator Hukill was elected to the Senate in 2012 and represents Senate District 14, which consists of parts of Brevard and Volusia Counties. Prior to the Senate, Hukill served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2004-2012.

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