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**Statement from House Speaker Steve Crisafulli
Regarding the Signing of HB 7029 Relating to Education**

Tallahassee- Florida House Speaker Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) today released the following statement regarding Governor Scott's signing of the Education bill into law. The bill, HB 7029, will strengthen Florida's K-12 and higher education systems.

"I want to thank Governor Scott for signing the Legislature's comprehensive education reform bill. Chair O'Toole and Chair Fresen's dedication to the passage of this legislation should also be commended. Student success has always been the number one priority of the Florida House and this bill ensures Florida will continue to provide a first-rate education system.

"By expanding Florida's school choice options, parents and students will be able to find an education solution that best fits their needs. Additionally, our higher education system will benefit from the creation of the emerging preeminence designation and codification of performance funding. This will allow our state college and university systems to provide students with increased access and affordability, while providing them with an education that will help them obtain employment after graduation."

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