



LEGISLATIVE WATCHLIST

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| S | H | S.B.186 | Charter School Base Funding Amendments | Establishes a charter school base funding study and creates a charter school educational service agency. | Balderree (22) | Intro | 1/22 | \$16M |
| W | L | S.B.69 | School Device Revisions | Establishes the default standard device use from prohibited during instructional time to prohibited during the school day | Fillmore (17) | S-CM | 1/21 | |
| W | L | S.B.58 | Public School Attendance Amendments (Amendment #1) | Strengthens statewide attendance monitoring, requires LEAs to use improved tracking and intervention programs, sets performance standards for attendance enforcement, creates data-quality rules for reporting, allows School LAND Trust funds to support chronic-absenteeism interventions | Fillmore (17) | S-CM | 1/21 | |
| W | L | S.B.51 | School Safety Modifications | Creates a statewide system for sharing student-threat information, sets reporting rules for LEAs, protects student privacy, outlines how data is handled, provides immunity for good-faith reporting, and makes technical updates. | Owens (27) | Floor | 1/20 | |
| S | L | S.B.88 | School Technology Amendments | This bill amends provisions related to internet policy in a public school | Fillmore (17) | Floor | 1/21 | |
| W | L | S.B.56 | Citizenship Education Amendments | Requires schools to provide legal awareness information to 10th grade students, while it permits schools flexibility in how they deliver the information, it does require an LEA to maintain a current and accurate list of legal awareness information (i.e. voting, jury duty and legal representation, taxes, debt, personal information rights and more) | Riebe (15) | Intro | 12/29 | |
| W | L | S.B.62 | School Funding Amendments | Modifies the WPU formula to determine total units to account for positive or negative growth based on school year's student count (applies to district and charters). Bill proposes the funding stay with the highest count (Oct 1 or Previous year) | Fillmore (17) | S-CM | 1/21 | |
| W | L | S.B.107 | Education Legislation Advisory Commission Amendments | Creates a legislation advisory commission | Stratton (24) | Intro | 1/12 | |
| W | L | S.B.119 | School & Classroom Amendments | Establishes an additional conditional use of Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account - accounts for fluctuation in federal tax policy changes to fund Minimum School Program. Essentially this means if federal tax changes cause the state's Income Tax Fund (which pays for schools) to drop by an amount that's as big as or bigger than what's needed to cover enrollment growth (more students) and inflation (higher costs), then this rule applies. Also has provisions to require students to meet personal care independence standards, regardless of grade level (also recognizes qualifying conditions); and provides reporting on curriculum development and implementation. | Fillmore (17) | Floor | 1/21 | \$64M |
| W | L | S.B.159 | Dyslexia Screening Amendments | Requires dyslexia screening for certain students in public schools | Riebe (15) | Intro | 1/19 | |
| W | L | S.B.164 | School Construction Amendments | Transfers oversight of public school construction to Division of Facilities Construction and Management Division | Wilson (2) | Intro | 1/20 | |
| W | L | S.B.167 | Reintegration for Disciplined Students | Modifies provision related to reintegrations and enrollment of students with disciplinary issues - modifies timelines and requirements (student records, plans for students with serious offenses and modifies grounds for denying open enrollment applications) | McCay (18) | Intro | 1/20 | |
| W | L | S.B.168 | School Attendance Amendments | School Attendance Amendments | Plumb (9) | Intro | 1/20 | |
| W | L | S.B.169 | High School Graduation Amendments | Ensures students meeting graduation requirements can participate in graduation | Plumb (9) | Intro | 1/20 | |
| W | L | S.B.180 | School Nutrition Amendments | Amends funding and eligibility of school lunch program - pulls from state liquor tax to support the meal program; expands the definition of eligible student | Escamilla (10) | Intro | 1/22 | |
| W | L | S.B.181 | School Discipline Amendments | Established minimum safety standards for seclusion rooms in schools and creates a one-time grant to help LEA bring existing rooms into compliance | Escamilla (10) | Intro | 1/22 | |