

HOUSE BILLS

HB2002: STUDENT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM; TAX CREDITS

Establishes the Arizona Student Apprenticeship Program in the Department of Education to provide job training and economic opportunity to high school students in Arizona. Any employer in Arizona may apply to participate in the Program, and requirements for employers and students to participate in the Program are specified. Participating employees are required to designate at least 10 percent of wages to a separate interest-bearing account opened on behalf of the employee by the participating employer. For tax years beginning with 2021, participating employers are allowed an individual or corporate income tax credit for each participant who successfully completes the Program requirements prescribed by the Dept. The amount of the credit is unspecified (blank in original). Tax credit requirements are listed. The Program terminates on July 1, 2030.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

Status: [3/5 House COW: do pass amended](#); [2/24 from House rules okay](#). 2/5 referred to House ways-means.

HB2004: SCHOOLS; CAPACITY TO SUE; APPROVAL

Limits a school district governing board's statutory ability to sue to require approval of the county school superintendent and the county board of supervisors.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

Status: Filed

HB2005: SCHOOLS; DATING INSTRUCTION; PROHIBITION

School districts are prohibited from providing instruction or advice to students on dating. Statute allowing school districts to prescribe policies to address incidents of "dating abuse" are modified to remove the word "dating," and related definitions are repealed.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

Status: Filed

HB2006: SCHOOLS; EXPENSE ORDERS; DESIGNEE SIGNATURE

An order on a county school superintendent for a salary or other expense may be signed by an approved designee of the school district governing board, in addition to the governing board.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

Status: 2/3 House educ held.

HB2007: SCHOOLS; TUITION; NONRESIDENTS

Except as specifically provided in statute, children of nonresidents of Arizona may be admitted to school district schools only on payment of a reasonable tuition fixed by the governing board.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

Status: 1/13 referred to House educ.

HB2008: CHARTER SCHOOLS; CLOSURES; NOTICE

At least 15 days before a charter school closes, the charter school governing board is required to provide written notice to parents or guardians of all enrolled students, employees, and the State

Board for Charter Schools, and to post public notice of the closure both on the charter school's website and on the door of the schoolhouse. Establishes penalties for violations and required penalties to be deposited in the newly established Displaced Pupils Payment Fund, to be administered by the State Board for Charter Schools. If a charter school governing body fails to provide required notice of a closure, a parent or guardian of a student who attended the school may apply to receive a payment from the Fund.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2009:
TAX CREDIT; TEACHERS; SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

For tax years beginning with 2020, an individual income tax credit of up to \$800 is established for expenses incurred by a "qualified school teacher" (defined as a teacher in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12) for educational supplies and materials purchased by the teacher and used in the teacher's classroom. If the allowable credit exceeds taxes due, the unclaimed amount of the credit may be carried forward for up to five consecutive tax years. Retroactive to January 1, 2020.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

Status: 1/13: referred to House educ.and ways-means.

**HB2010:
PERSONAL FINANCE COURSE; REQUIREMENT; APPROPRIATION**

The State Board of Education is required, instead of permitted, to require a separate personal finance course for students to graduate from high school. School district governing boards are required to approve a personal finance course that would fulfill a mathematics course required to high school graduation, instead of being permitted to do so. Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Education for distribution to school districts and charter schools to provide personal finance courses.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/13 referred to House educ, appro.

**HB2011:
SCHOOLS; BANK ACCOUNTS; VENDOR PAYMENTS**

School district governing boards are authorized to establish clearing accounts to the county in a manner that protects against potential fraud. Deposits from other accounts are permitted to be transferred to the bank account in amounts equal to the amount of each vendor payment.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/13 referred to House educ.

**HB2012:
DATA GOVERNANCE COMMISSION; MEMBERSHIP; EXTENSION**

Adds a county school superintendent appointed by the Governor to the Data Governance Commission in the Department of Education. The statutory life of the Commission is extended eight years to July 1, 2028. Retroactive to July 1, 2020.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 2/3 House educ held.

**HB2013:
SCHOOLS; STUDENT PROMOTIONS**

School district governing board policies must require teachers to retain a student in a grade in common school and to fail a student in a course in high school if the student does not meet the criteria prescribed by the board, subject to review by the board. Board policies are no longer required to authorize teachers to make the decision to promote or retain a student in a grade in common school or to pass or fail a student in a course in high school.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 2/6 House COW approved with amend #4020.

**HB2014:
SCHOOLS; REMOVED PUPILS; READMISSION; TEACHERS**

School district governing boards are required to develop procedures allowing a teacher to refuse to readmit a student who was removed from the teacher's classroom. Deletes the authorization for school placement review committees to determine that the return of a student to that classroom is the best or only practicable alternative.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2015:
SCHOOLS; SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS; APPROVAL**

School district governing boards are required, instead of allowed, to approve all supplemental books and teaching aids, including instructional computer software, used in a course of study before approving the course. If a course uses supplemental books that have not been approved by the board at the time of approval of the course, a teacher is prohibited from using the supplemental books until the board approves them.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: [Comments: 2/12 retained on House COW calendar](#). 2/3 from House rules okay.

**HB2016:
TEACHER IMMUNITY; STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

A full-time teacher who is employed by a school district or charter school is immune from personal liability for all actions taken in good faith in disciplining any student if the teacher disciplines the student in accordance with law.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/13 referred to House educ, jud.

**HB2017:
SCHOOLS; PLEDGE; QUIET REFLECTION**

For kindergarten and grades 1 through 12, school districts and charter schools are required to set aside a specific time each day for students to recite the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, and to set aside a specific time each day for students to engage in quiet reflection and moral reasoning for at least one minute. Students are required to recite the pledge and to engage in quiet reflection. At the request of a parent, the parent's student must be excused from either requirement.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/13 referred to House educ.

**HB2018:
SCHOOL DISTRICTS; PROCUREMENT; CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, school districts are subject to the same procurement laws and procedures that apply to charter schools. By July 1, 2022, the State Board of Education is required to modify its rules and the Auditor General is required to modify the Uniform System of Financial Records to comply with this change.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2019:
NONPROFITS; POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS; AGREEMENTS**

The list of entities that may enter into agreements to provide administrative, operational and educational services and facilities for a Career Technical Education District (CTED) Board is expanded to include a nonprofit organization that is devoted to vocational training or a public or private postsecondary institution.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: [2/17 from House rules okay](#). 1/13 referred to House educ.

**HB2021:
SCHOOLS; TRUANT CHILDREN; CIVIL PENALTY**

A school attendance officer is authorized to impose a civil penalty of up to \$10 per day on the parent or person having custody of a child who is habitually truant. Civil penalties are deposited in the student activities fund of the school district the truant child attends.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2022:
SCHOOLS; ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION**

Deletes the requirement for environmental education instruction, which a school district is permitted to choose to provide, to include a discussion of economic and social implications.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2023:
SCHOOLS; BUDGET FORMAT**

The budget format used by all school districts is required to contain the prominent display of the average regular class size in the school district for the previous year, with some exceptions.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/13 referred to House educ.

**HB2024:
SCHOOLS; EMPLOYEE TRAVEL; TRAININGS; POLICIES**

School district governing boards are authorized to allow any employee of a school district to travel for a school purposes, instead of only a superintendent or principal or their representatives. School district governing boards are authorized to purchase trainings or policies from an association of school districts within Arizona, and to purchase additional trainings or policy updates annually.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2025:
SCHOOLS; EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION INFO; HARASSMENT**

School district governing boards are required to annually provide a "total compensation" (defined) statement to each district employee, which is a public record subject to public records laws. Also, school district policies on bullying must be expanded to include prohibiting school employees from harassing and bullying students on school property and at school events.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/13 referred to House educ.

**HB2026:
SCHOOLS; GOVERNING BOARDS; MEMBERSHIPS; FAMILY**

Various changes relating to school boards. A member of a charter school governing body is prohibited from voting on a specific item that concerns the appointment, employment or remuneration of the member or the spouse or a dependent of the member. An employee of a charter school or the "immediate family" member (defined elsewhere in statute) of an employee is prohibited from holding membership on the governing body of the charter school. These same prohibitions for school district governing board members are expanded to include the immediate family members of the member or school district employee, instead of only the spouse of the member or employee. Session law provides for the retention of current governing board members until the expiration of their normal terms.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2031:
SCHOOL MARSHALS; REQUIREMENTS; TRAINING**

School district governing boards, charter school governing bodies, community college district governing boards and private schools are authorized to appoint up to the greater of one school marshal for each 400 students per campus or for each campus, one school marshal for each school building in which students regularly receive classroom instruction. A school marshal is authorized to make arrests and exercise all authority granted to peace officers under state law, subject to written policies adopted by the appointing governing body. To serve as a school marshal, the person must be licensed by the Department of Public Safety. The Dept. is required to establish and maintain a school marshal training program, and training requirements are specified. The Dept. is authorized to charge a training fee, license fee and renewal fee. Establishes requirements for a school marshal to carry or possess a handgun on the premises of a school.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/22 House pub safety held.

**HB2033:
COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS; PROHIBITION**

School district governing boards and any other entity are prohibited from establishing or operating a "community school program," defined as a program that involves people in developing an educationally oriented community and in which the community school serves the purposes of academic and skill development for all citizens, furnishes supervised recreational and avocational instruction, supplies remedial and supplemental education, furnishes meeting places for community groups, and provides facilities to disseminate a variety of community related services, including extended day resource programs. Statute allowing school boards to establish and operate community school programs are repealed.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2034:
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS; LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

The school bus driver certification standards must require the applicant to possess a commercial driver license.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: [3/4 Senate TPS Committee action do pass voting 6-0](#); 2/17 from House rules okay. 2/5 referred to House trans.

**HB2048:
EXECUTIVE SESSION; SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS**

The list of purposes for which a public body is authorized to hold an executive session is expanded to include discussion or consideration of matters relating to school safety operations or school safety plans or programs. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Rep. Espinoza (D - Dist. 19)

Status: 1/13 referred to House educ, pub safety.

**HB2050:
SCHOOLS; IMMUNIZATIONS; PARENTAL CONTROL**

The decision to immunize a student is solely the decision of the student's parent. A school cannot require a student to receive the recommended immunizations or refuse to admit or otherwise penalize a student because that student has not received the recommended immunizations. A student who lacks documentary proof of immunization may be excluded from school only if the student lacks an immunization for which there is an active case of a disease in that student's school that the immunization is intended to prevent and the Department of Health Services or a local health department has declared an outbreak of that disease for an area that includes the student's school. A parent receiving cash assistance on behalf of a dependent child is no longer required to ensure that the child is immunized.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 2/6 referred to House educ.

**HB2053:
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; SECURITY PLANS**

The list of purposes for which a public body is authorized to hold an executive session is expanded to include discussion or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to discuss security plans, procedures, assessments, measures or systems relating to, or having an impact on, the security or safety of buildings or facilities and information technology maintained by the public body. Records, documentation, notes, or other materials made by or provided to the representatives for these purposes are confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

First sponsor: Rep. Espinoza (D- Dist. 19)

Status: 1/30 from House gov do pass.

**HB2067:
SEX EDUCATION; COMPREHENSIVE; MEDICALLY ACCURATE**

School districts are required to provide sex education that is "medically accurate" and "comprehensive" (both defined). At the request of a student's parent, a school district is required to excuse the student from instruction on sex education. School districts are required to notify each parent of the ability to withdraw the student from the instruction. On request, the Department of Education is required to assist a school district with a suggested course of study and/or teacher training.

First sponsor: Rep. Powers Hannley (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

**HB2078:
SCHOOL REPORT CARDS; EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS**

The requirement for each school to distribute an annual report card that contains specified information is limited to each public school. Various information is no longer required to be included in the report card, including the number of incidents that required the contact of law enforcement, a description of the social services available at the school, and the ratio of students to teachers in each classroom. The Department of Education is required to produce a directory of educational options for parents of students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12. Information that must be included in the directory is specified, including information about open enrollment, Arizona online instruction, charter schools, homeschool, scholarship assistance through school tuition organizations, Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts, and the family college savings program. Public schools are required to annually distribute the educational options directory to parents of students enrolled at the school. If any school within a school district or any charter school does not comply with annual report card and educational options directory requirements, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to withhold 1 percent of state monies that the school district or charter school would otherwise be entitled to receive each month until each school complies with the requirements.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

HB2079:**ABUSE OF TEACHER; PENALTY**

Increases the criminal classification of knowingly abusing a teacher or other school employee on school grounds or while the teacher or employee is performing his/her duties to a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor, from a class 3 (lowest) misdemeanor.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

HB2082:**SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; STUDENTS; GENDER PRONOUNS**

A public school is prohibited from requiring a school superintendent, principal, teacher or another officer or employee to use a sex or gender pronoun in reference to a student other than the sex or gender pronoun that corresponds to the sex listed on that student's birth certificate, and is prohibited from penalizing any of those persons for refusing to do so.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

HB2089:**SCHOOLS; SAFETY; THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS**

School district governing boards are required to adopt policies to establish threat assessment teams. The policies must include procedures for assessing individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or students and intervening when necessary, and referring those individuals to community services boards or health care providers to be evaluated and treated, when appropriate. The superintendent of each school district is required to establish a threat assessment team for each school, which must include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration and law enforcement. Threat assessment teams are required to provide guidance to students and school staff on recognizing behavior that may threaten the community, the school or self. After a threat assessment team determines that an individual poses a threat of violence to self or others or exhibits significantly disruptive behavior or a need for assistance, the law enforcement officer on the team is permitted to request any case information relating to an individual and to conduct a check of the individual's criminal history records. Each threat assessment team is required to collect and semiannually report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center in the Department of Public Safety data on its activities using a form provided by the Center.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R- Dist. 23)

Status: [2/20 House COW approved with amend ~ 4069 and 4204.2/4](#) from House educ with amend #4069.

HB2094:**TEACHERS ACADEMY; COUNSELORS; SOCIAL WORKERS**

Expands the Arizona Teachers Academy, which offers scholarships to students who commit to teaching in a public school in Arizona, to include students who commit to working as school social workers and school counselors in Arizona.

First sponsor: Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist. 17)

Status: Filed

HB2097:**SCHOOLS; CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE**

School district schools and charter schools are required to post in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to students a sign that is at least 11 inches by 17 inches, that is placed at students' eye level, and that contains a list of information related to child abuse, child neglect and the exploitation of children in English and in Spanish, including the telephone number of the centralized intake hotline concerning suspected abuse and neglect of children.

First sponsor: Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist. 23)

Status: [2/24 from House okay. 2/3 House educ held.](#)

**HB2105:
SCHOOLS; CHILD CARE; REDUCED FEES**

A public school that provides or contracts for child care services is permitted to reduce the fee a public school employee pays for the child care services if the cost the public school pays for those services is not grossly disproportionate to the total consideration received from the employee.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/17 from House rules okay](#). 2/5 referred to House educ.

**HB2106:
SCHOOLS; AUDITS; FINANCIAL RECORDS; BUDGETS**

School districts and charter schools are required to send a copy of audit reports to the county school superintendent and the Department of Education. The Department is required to make the audit reports available on its website. School district and charter school governing boards are required to publicly accept all audits and compliance questionnaires by roll call vote. If a school district fails to establish and maintain the uniform system of financial records, the Auditor General is required to report that district to the State Board of Education, in addition to the Dept., and is required to detail the deficiencies in writing in the report.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/17 from House rules okay](#). 2/3 FAILED House educ. 6-7-0.

**HB2107:
SCHOOL DISTRICTS; MINOR BOUNDARY CHANGES**

The process for the governing boards of two adjacent school districts to authorize minor boundary adjustments is modified to allow the adjustment to result in the transfer of up to 10 percent, increased from 1.5 percent of the student count of the district from which the students will transfer, and to remove the requirement for a majority of the electors within the geographic boundaries of a specified portion of a school district to present a petition to the governing boards.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: 2/4 House educ. held.

**HB2108:
COLLEGE COURSE CREDIT; DUAL ENROLLMENT**

For high school graduation requirements being fulfilled by a college course, the school board is required to award one Carnegie unit for each three semester hours of credit that the student earns in an appropriate college course. High school freshmen and sophomores are permitted to enroll in dual enrollment courses for college credit.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/24 referred to Senate higher ed-work dev](#). 2/6 passed House 60-0 ready for Senate.

**HB2109:
UNIFICATION; CONSOLIDATION; NOTICE; BALLOT LANGUAGE**

Notice of a proposed vote of school district governing boards on a resolution of unification are required to be posted in at least three public places in each of the school districts proposed to be unified at least 90 days before the proposed vote. A special election to determine the question of school district unification is required to be called within 120 days, increased from 60 days, after a majority of the governing board or 10 percent of the residents of a district unite in a petition to establish a unified school district. The deadline for public notices of the election to be posted is changed to at least 90 days before the election, increased from 10 days, if the election is at least 90 days after receipt of the petition, or to as soon as practicable if the election is fewer than 90 days after receipt of the petition. Effective January 1, 2023.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/24 Senate educ passed 8-0; referred to Senate rules](#). 2/4 from House educ. do pass.

**HB2110:
SCHOOLS; EMPLOYEES; EMPLOYMENT; DISCIPLINE**

The Department of Education is required to investigate written complaints alleging that a "noncertificated person" (defined as a school district or charter school employee who does not possess a teaching certificate and meets other specified requirements) engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct. The State Board of Education is required to review a complain to determine whether to take disciplinary action against a noncertificated person who has engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct, including prohibiting the person's employment at a school district or charter school for up to five years. Before employing a certificated or noncertificated person, school districts and charter schools are required to conduct a search of the educator information system that is maintained by the Dept. on the prospective employee. School districts and charter schools are prohibited from employing in a position that requires a valid fingerprint clearance card either a certificated person whose certificate has been suspended, surrendered or revoked and not subsequently reinstated, or a noncertificated person who has had disciplinary action imposed by the Board under this legislation.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/24 Senate educ passed 8-0](#); [referred to Senate rules](#). 2/4 from House educ do pass.

**HB2111:
SCHOOLS; RESOURCES; SERVICES; CONSOLIDATION GRANTS**

The Department of Education is required to conduct a five-year Resource and Service Consolidation Grant Program. County school superintendents are eligible to apply for a grant to consolidate resources and develop new services for all school districts, charter schools, county free library districts, municipal libraries, nonprofit and public libraries, tribal libraries, private schools, tribal schools, juvenile detention centers, and jails within the jurisdiction of the county school superintendent or superintendents. The Dept. is required to award grants by February 1, 2021, and to disburse grant monies each year for five consecutive years or until the Dept. determines that the consolidation proposal is self-sufficient, whichever is sooner. The Program self-repeals July 1, 2026. Appropriates \$10 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Dept. for the Program.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/24 Senate educ passed 8-0](#); [referred to Senate appro](#).2/6 from House appro do pass.

**HB2112:
SCHOOLS; SAFETY; EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The list of purposes for which a public body is authorized to hold an executive session is expanded to include discussion or consideration of matters relating to school safety operations or school safety plans or programs, including emergency response plans, and to include discussion or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to discuss security plans, procedures, assessments, measures or systems relating to, or having an impact on, the security or safety of buildings or facilities and information technology maintained by the public body. Records, documentation, notes, or other materials made by or provided to the representatives for security-related purposes are confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: Filed

**HB2115:
JLAC; AUDITOR GENERAL**

Various changes relating to government audits. All officers of any state agency, board, commission, department, program or committee or any political subdivision and all contractors that contract with the state are required to afford reasonable and needed facilities for Auditor General staff and make records available in the form and at the time prescribed. The Attorney General is required to supervise the prosecution of all offenders of this requirement. Any officer

or person who knowingly obstructs or misleads the Auditor General in the execution of his/her duties is guilty of a class 2 (mid- level) misdemeanor. Modifies the list of factors a committee of reference considers when determining the need for continuation or termination of an agency. Based on information provided by the Auditor General, for any legislative measure that requires the Auditor General to perform a special audit, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee staff is required to notify all members of the Legislature as soon as practicable of the cost to conduct a special audit. The Auditor General is required to conduct a performance audit of transportation excise tax revenues in the fifth year, instead of the tenth year, in which the tax is in effect in a county. The Auditor General is no longer required to prepare an annual written report to the Governor and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Deletes the requirements for community college district expenditure reporting to be done by fund and to include a reconciliation of expenditures to the expenditure limitation report.

First sponsor: Rep. Kern (R - Dist. 20)

Status: [2/24 referred to Senate gov.](#) 2/6 House COW approved.

**HB2119:
SCHOOLS; ACADEMIC CREDITS; TRANSFER**

If a student who was previously enrolled in an "accredited public high school" (defined) in Arizona or any other state enrolls in another accredited public high school in Arizona, the accepting school is required to accept credits earned by the student in each course or instructional program at the previous school if an in-person proctored final exam accounts for a significant portion of the student's grade in the course or instructional program. Establishes a process that the accepting school is required to use in determining how to designate transfer credits earned. The accepting school is prohibited from requiring the student to take an examination to receive the credits or to have the credits satisfy prerequisite requirements.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: 1/28 from House educ with amend #4024.

**HB2120:
SCHOOLS; GRADUATION CEREMONIES; CULTURAL REGALIA**

States that a school district governing board or a charter school may not prohibit a student from wearing cultural regalia while participating in a graduation ceremony.

First sponsor: Rep. Cook (R - Dist. 8)

Status: [3/6 transmit to Senate; House passed as amended 58-2.](#)

**HB2125:
DISTRICTS; INITIATIVES; LITIGATION; PROHIBITION**

A school district or other district with taxing authority is prohibited from maintaining an action to prevent the enactment of any initiative or referendum measure allowed by law. The members of the governing body of a district who vote to maintain an action to prevent the enactment of any initiative or referendum measure allowed by law are personally liable for the reasonable attorney fees and other costs of litigation incurred by persons who attempt to enact the initiative or referendum measure. Applies retroactively to January 1, 2016.

First sponsor: Rep. Thorpe (R - Dist. 6)

Status: [2/19 from House elect do pass.](#) 2/6 referred to House elect.

**HB2128:
SCHOOL DISTRICTS; UNIVERSITIES; RECESSES; COORDINATION**

Each year, the Department of Education and the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) are required to jointly designate one week in the fall and one week in the spring during which all school districts and all universities under the jurisdiction of ABOR are required to recess.

Schools operating on a year-round school year basis are exempt.

First sponsor: Rep. Petersen (R)

Status: [2/24 from House rules okay.](#) 2/6 referred to House educ.

**HB2166:
SCHOOLS; GRADUATION RATES; UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS**

The competency requirements for the graduation of students from high school that the State Board of Education is required to prescribe must include at a minimum four credits of English language arts, three credits of social studies, two credits of laboratory science, two credits of mathematics including algebra 1 and geometry, three additional STEM credits, one credit of fine or practical arts and seven credits of electives. The competency requirements must also include a requirement that a student take at least one online course. For students who enter high school on or after the effective date of this legislation, the university admissions requirements prescribed by the Arizona Board of Regents must be consistent with these competency requirements. Applies to students who enter high school on or after the effective date of this legislation.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: 1/27 House educ held.

**HB2167:
TECH CORRECTION; EDUCATION; FEDERAL FUNDS**

Minor change in Title 15 (Education) related to federal funds. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: Filed

**HB2168:
TECH CORRECTION; SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS**

Minor change in Title 15 (Education) related to school district governing boards. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: Filed

**HB2169:
TECH CORRECTION; PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Minor change in Title 15 (Education) related to state control over private schools. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: Filed

**HB2185:
APPROPRIATIONS; SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM**

Makes supplemental appropriations of \$75 million from the general fund in each of FY2020-21, FY2021-22 and FY2022-23 to the Department of Education for the School Safety Program.

First sponsor: Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist. 17)

Status: Filed

**HB2186:
APPROPRIATION; GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Appropriates \$5 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Education, with \$4.7 million allocated for additional assistance for gifted education programs, and \$300,000 allocated to the Dept. to administer the additional assistance.

First sponsor: Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist. 17)

Status: Filed

**HB2187:
APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL FACILITIES; BUILDING RENEWAL**

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$91.3 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Building Renewal Grant Fund, which is distributed to school districts by the School Facilities Board for the purpose of maintaining the adequacy of existing school facilities.

First sponsor: Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist. 17)

Status: Filed

**HB2188:
APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL; SALARIES**

Appropriates \$220 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for basis state aid to schools. The appropriation must be used to fund an increase in the base level above the amount that otherwise would be provided for FY2020-21. The legislature intends that the appropriation be used to fund salary increases for school support personnel, including student food service, student transportation and school site 15 plant operations.

First sponsor: Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist. 17)

Status: Filed

**HB2189:
SCHOOL FUNDING; INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS**

Beginning in FY2020-21, the Legislature is required to increase the amount of the district additional assistance and charter additional assistance by at least two percent. For FY2021-22 and each FY after, the Legislature is required to increase the amount of the district additional assistance and charter additional assistance by a minimum growth rate of either two percent or the change in the GDP price deflator from the second preceding calendar year to the calendar year immediately preceding the budget year, whichever is less, except that the amount cannot be reduced below the base level established for FY2020-21.

First sponsor: Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist. 17)

Status: Filed

**HB2190:
STATE EMPLOYEES; PAID FAMILY LEAVE**

Grants state employees six weeks of paid leave per fiscal year for the birth of a child or placement of a child in connection with foster care or adoption. The Department of Administration is required to establish procedures to be used by an eligible state employee to receive compensation during family leave.

First sponsor: Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist. 18)

Status: Filed

**HB2208:
ARIZONA TEACHERS ACADEMY; RECRUITMENT; APPROPRIATION**

The Arizona Teachers Academy marketing and promotion plan is required to include plans to recruit and retain tribal students and students from economically disadvantaged and historically underserved communities. Appropriates \$15 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Arizona Teachers Academy Fund.

First sponsor: Rep. Teller (D - Dist. 7)

Status: Filed

**HB2209:
SCHOOLS; INSTRUCTION; NATIVE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE**

Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the State Board of Education is required to include in the academic standards for students in kindergarten through grade 12 instruction relating to the native American experience in Arizona that includes instruction on tribal history, sovereignty issues,

culture, treaty rights, government, socioeconomic experiences and current events, and that is historically accurate, culturally relevant, community based, contemporary and developmentally appropriate. The Board is required to provide professional development to teachers and administrators relating to the instruction, and to ensure that the federally recognized Indian tribes in Arizona have the opportunity to collaborate in developing the instruction. The Board is required to submit a report on implementing the instruction to the Governor and the Legislature by October 15 of 2021, 2022 and 2023. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Rep. Teller (D - Dist. 7)

Status: Filed

**HB2211:
INDIAN EDUCATION; GRANT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION**

The Office of Indian Education is required to establish a program to address the needs of American Indian and Alaskan Native students by providing grants to school districts, charter schools and tribal schools to be used to fund stipends, recruitment, retention and professional development of teachers who teach in American Indian and Alaskan Native concentrated schools and in tribal schools and for technical assistance and tribal outreach. The Office is required to develop application procedures and grant recipient selection criteria, and is authorized to adopt rules to implement the program. The Office is required to submit a report with specified information about the grants to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15 of each year. The program terminates on July 1, 2030. The American Indian and Alaskan Native Students Fund is established to be used to implement the program. Appropriates \$5 million and five FTE positions from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Fund for the program.

First sponsor: Rep. Teller (D - Dist. 7)

Status: Filed

**HB2222:
CTEDS; INTERNSHIPS; FUNDING**

A student enrolled in an internship course as part of a career technical education district (CTED) program is no longer excluded from the student count of the CTED for that course for the purposes of school funding statutes.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/24 from House rules okay](#). 1/21 referred to House educ.

**HB2247:
SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS; DECLINING ENROLLMENT**

For FY2020-21 through FY2024-25, if a school district has a student count of 500 or less and the district's enrollment declines in the current FY by at least five percent compared to the previous FY, the final average daily membership determined by that school district in the previous FY must be used for that district in the current FY and the next FY for the purposes of school funding calculations.

First sponsor: Rep. Cook (R - Dist. 8)

Status: Filed

**HB2256:
SAFE SCHOOLS; PLANS**

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, each school district is required to adopt a safe schools plan that addresses how the school district will recognize, initially screen for and respond to emotional or behavioral distress in students, including indicators of possible substance abuse, violence and youth suicide. Provisions that must be included in the safe schools plan are listed. School districts are required to annually provide the plan to all district employees. School districts are required to notify and obtain consent from a parent before screening or referring a student to services. By February 1, 2021, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to develop and

post online a model safe schools plan. The Superintendent is also required to annually post online a list of resources that provide support to youth.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R- Dist. 6)

Status: Filed

HB2258:

APPROPRIATION; ALCOHOL; TOBACCO; DRUG EDUCATION

Appropriates \$1 million from the Health Education Account in each fiscal year to the Department of Health Services for teaching children in grades 5 through 12 about the health dangers of federally defined illegal substances, tobacco, electronic smoking devices, alcohol, marijuana, opioids and nonprescription pharmaceuticals.

First sponsor: Rep. Thorpe (R - Dist. 6)

Status: [2/17 from House hel-hu ser do pass.](#) 1/21 referred to House hel-hu ser, appro.

HB2264:

PROCUREMENT; VETERANS; ARIZONA BIDDERS; PREFERENCE

For procurement contracts awarded by competitive sealed bid, a purchasing agency is required to give preference to a "veteran- owned business" or an "Arizona bidder" (both defined) in a specified order over nonresident bidders if there are two or more low, responsive offers from responsible bidders that are identical in price.

First sponsor: Rep. Espinoza (D - Dist. 19)

Status: Filed

HB2271:

APPROPRIATION; DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES; ELIGIBILITY

Appropriates \$5 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Education to pay the tuition costs for up to 12 credit hours in a calendar year of dual enrollment courses for high school juniors and seniors who are academically eligible to enroll in dual enrollment courses and who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: 1/27 House educ held.

HB2275:

SCHOOL SAFETY; SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

School resource officers and juvenile probation officers are authorized to respond any suspected crime against a person or property that is a serious offense or that involves a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument or serious physical injury and any conduct that poses a threat of death or serious physical injury to employees, students or anyone on school property according to protocols established by their law enforcement agency. Previously, school resource officers were authorized to respond only to situations that present the imminent danger of bodily harm. If a school district or charter school enters into a memorandum of understanding or any other agreement with a law enforcement agency for the purpose of hiring a school resource officer or juvenile probation officer, the memorandum of understanding or agreement is required to include specified provisions, including that the officer is not responsible for student discipline except in response to those suspected crimes. By January 1, 2021, all school resource officers and juvenile probation officers who serve on school grounds are required to complete a basic school resource officer course and an adolescent mental health training. By September 1 of each year, each school district and charter school is required to report to the Department of Education the number of school resource officers or juvenile probation officers per school. Appropriates \$241,500 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Dept. for the costs of the training.

First sponsor: Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist. 3)

Status: [2/12 from House pub safety with amend #4197.](#) 1/23 referred to House pub safety, appro.

**HB2277:
SCHOOLS; SEX EDUCATION INSTRUCTION**

All school districts and charter schools are required to provide sex education instruction that is "medically accurate" and "age- appropriate" (both defined) for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Information that must be included in sex education instruction is specified. Sex education for grades 6 through 12 is required to stress the importance of using effective methods of contraception, including abstinence, to prevent unintended pregnancy and protect against sexually transmitted infections. School districts and charter schools are required to make sex education instruction materials available for parental review. A student may be excused from any part of the instruction only at the written request of the student's parent or guardian. Parents have the right to opt out of sex education, instead of the right to opt in. Statute governing parental involvement in schools and requiring school boards to adopt policies promoting parent involvement that include a list of required provisions is expanded to include charter schools.

First sponsor: Rep. D. Hernandez (D - Dist. 2)

Status: Filed

**HB2278:
SCHOOL FUNCTIONS; FOOD; BEVERAGES**

Subject to policies adopted by the Department of Education, school boards are authorized to provide food and beverages both at school district events, including official school functions and trainings, and through a café that is open to the public.

First sponsor: Rep. D. Hernandez (D - Dist. 2)

Status: [2/17 House educ held](#). [2/3 House educ held](#).

**HB2287:
COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS; UNIFICATION; BUDGET**

A common school district that was authorized by the voters to establish a unified school district in an election held before the effective date of this legislation is authorized to continue calculating its budget and equalization assistance pursuant to common school district statute until a high school is approved by the School Facilities Board and constructed for the newly formed unified school district. Session law containing this same authorization that expires on June 30, 2020 is repealed. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Rep. Osborne (R - Dist. 13)

Status: [2/24 Senate educ passed 9-0; referred to Senate rules](#). [2/4 from House educ do pass](#).

**HB2326:
EXPERIENCED TEACHER RETENTION; PILOT PROGRAM**

The Department of Education is required to conduct a three-year Experienced Teacher Retention Pilot Program. Program participants are eligible to receive a 75 percent discount on tuition at state universities during the Program. Eligibility requirements for the Program are specified. By December 31, 2021, the Dept. is required to issue a request for proposals to contract with one or more qualified persons or entities to study the impact of the Program on the teacher shortage in Arizona and the effectiveness of the Program. By December 31, 2024, the persons or entities selected are required to submit a report of their findings to the Governor and the Legislature. The Program self-repeals February 16, 2027. Appropriates the following amounts from the general fund to the Dept. for the Program: \$2 million in FY2020-21, in FY2021- 22, either \$2 million or \$2.5 million depending on the amount awarded to Program participants in FY2020- 21; in FY2022-23, either the amount appropriated in FY2021-22 or \$5 million depending on the amount awarded to Program participants in FY2021-22.

First sponsor: Rep. Friese (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

HB2327:**STO SCHOLARSHIPS; BENEFICIARY RECOMMENDATIONS**

School tuition organizations that receive contributions from taxpayers for the purposes of income tax credits are no longer permitted to allow donors to recommend student beneficiaries, and are prohibited from awarding or reserving scholarships on the basis of donor recommendations.

First sponsor: Rep. Friese (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

HB2328:**STO SCHOLARSHIPS; STUDENT TRANSFERS**

The list of students that must receive at least 90 percent of contributions made to school tuition organizations using the higher income tax credit limits is modified to remove students who received an educational scholarship or tuition grant under other requirements in a previous year and continue to attend a qualified school in a subsequent year.

First sponsor: Rep. Friese (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

HB2329:**STOS; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; ALLOCATION**

School tuition organizations are required to allocate at least 95 percent, increased from 90 percent, of annual revenue from contributions for the purpose of income tax credits for educational scholarships or tuition grants.

First sponsor: Rep. Friese (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

HB2330:**STO SCHOLARSHIPS; MEANS TESTING**

School tuition organizations are required to award at least 66 percent of educational scholarships or tuition grants from contributions for the purpose of income tax credits to students whose family income does not exceed 185 percent of the income limit required to qualify a child for reduced-price lunches under federal law.

First sponsor: Rep. Friese (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

HB2331:**CHARTER SCHOOLS; LUNCHES; NATIONAL ACTS**

The charter of a charter school is required to ensure that it participates in and complies with the federal National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts. Some exceptions.

First sponsor: Rep. Friese (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

HB2332:**CHARTER SCHOOLS; SPONSORSHIP; STATE BOARD**

The State Board of Education, a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents, and a community college district or group of community college districts are no longer authorized to sponsor a charter school.

First sponsor: Rep. Friese (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

**HB2338:
APPROPRIATION; SCHOOLS; TREES**

Appropriates \$400,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Education to distribute to public schools to plant low-biogenic volatile organic compound-emitting trees on school campuses that are appropriate to each school's climate. Until December 31, 2020, the Dept. is required to distribute the monies on a first-come, first-served basis only to public schools in Arizona at which 75 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. The Dept. cannot distribute more than \$1,500 to a school campus.

First sponsor: Rep. Epstein (D - Dist. 18)

Status: Filed

**HB2344:
SCHOOLS; STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT; GRADES**

The statewide assessment adopted by the State Board of Education is required to measure student achievement of the Board-adopted academic standards in reading, writing and mathematics in kindergarten and each of grades 1 through 12, instead of in at least 4 grades designated by the Board. Assessments on the menu of achievement assessments, if selected by a local education agency instead of the statewide assessment, are also required to be administered to students in kindergarten and each of grades 1 through 12. Beginning in the 2020- 2021 school year, the statewide assessment is required to consist of at least three nationally recognized college entrance examinations selected by the Board and assessments from a national assessment of educational progress selected by the Board.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2345:
TAX CREDIT; PUBLIC SCHOOLS; INCREASE**

The individual income tax credit for cash contributions to public schools is increased to \$300 for a single individual or head of household, from \$200, and to \$600 for a married couple filing jointly, from \$400. Retroactive to tax years beginning January 1, 2020.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2346:
SCHOOL FACILITIES; BUILDING RENEWAL; REIMBURSEMENT**

If the School Facilities Board denies a school district request for a grant from the Building Renewal Grant Fund, the Board is required to reimburse the school district for any external costs that the school district incurs in applying for the grant, including professional fees and expenses.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

**HB2353:
BONDS; COUNSEL; FINANCIAL ADVISOR; FEES**

Deletes the requirement for school or municipal bond counsel fees, financial advisory fees, printing costs and paying agent and registrar fees for bonds issued pursuant to a bond election to be paid from either the amount authorized by the voters or current operating funds. Deletes the requirement for school bond election expenses to be paid from current operating funds only.

First sponsor: Rep. Toma (R - Dist. 22)

Status: [2/17 from House rules okay](#). 1/29 referred to House ways-means.

HB2360:**VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; EVALUATIONS**

School district boards are required to provide for the evaluation of vocational and technical education programs annually, instead of once every five years.

First sponsor: Rep. Toma (R - Dist. 22)

Status: [2/17 from House rules okay](#). 1/29 referred to House educ.

HB2361:**SEX EDUCATION; CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION**

School districts and charter schools are prohibited from providing sex education instruction to a student before 6th grade. If a school district or charter school offers sex education instruction, the instruction is required to be medically and factually accurate, and to emphasize biological sex and not gender identities. School districts and charter schools are prohibited from providing the instruction to a student without written permission from the student's parent. All sex education materials and instruction are required to promote honor and respect for monogamous marriage. Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, school districts and charter schools are required to establish education and training on child abuse prevention for both school personnel and for students in kindergarten through 5th grade. This education and training must be designed to promote self-protection and accountability and to prevent the abuse of children, including sexual abuse, and other requirements for the training are established. School districts and charter schools are also required to provide personnel with education and training on prevention techniques for and recognition of child abuse, and information that must be included is specified. School district schools and charter schools are also required to post in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to students a sign that is at least 11 inches by 17 inches, that is placed at students' eye level, and that contains a list of information related to child abuse, child neglect and the exploitation of children in English and in Spanish, including the telephone number of the centralized intake hotline concerning suspected abuse and neglect of children. The authorization for school districts to provide instruction to students on acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the human immunodeficiency virus is limited to students in grades 6 through 12. Appropriates \$415,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Education to distribute to school districts and charter school to establish education and training on child abuse prevention as required by this legislation.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

HB2362:**PROMOTION; CURRICULA; COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS**

County school superintendents, instead of school district governing boards, are required to prescribe the curricula and criteria for the promotion and graduation of students, and to incorporate instruction on Native American history into appropriate existing curricula.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: Filed

HB2364:**ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS**

Various changes relating to election law. The requirement for candidates to file a statement of interest with the appropriate filing officer no later than the date of the first petition signature on a nomination petition does not apply to candidates for elected office for school districts, community college districts or career technical education districts. A petition for a new political party to be represented by an official party ballot is required to contain the signatures of qualified electors in at least Status: 1/4 of the election precincts of the county or municipality. The county recorder or the city or town clerk is required to review the petitions, select a random sample of 20 percent of

the total signatures, individually verify and certify those signatures, and calculate and project the total number of valid signatures to determine whether the party will be recognized. The required test of election equipment is no longer required to be observed by at least two election inspectors, and is instead required to be observed by representatives of the political parties. Election boards are required to seal one of the poll lists in a "secure container," instead of a "strong envelope." For a county with a population of more than 300,000 persons, at least four persons, not more than two of whom may be members of the same political party, must accompany the election returns during delivery to the officer in charge of elections. For a county with a population of 300,000 persons or less, at least two persons who cannot be members of the same political party, must accompany the election returns during delivery to the officer in charge of elections. A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections who establishes early voting locations is allowed to continue to operate those early voting locations and on-site early voting locations until 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding election day, except that early voting must end as needed to ensure that precinct registers and other election materials are revised for use on election day to indicate which voters have requested an early ballot, which voters have already voted and which voters are on the inactive voter list. The maximum number of days before an election that a county board of supervisors is permitted to cancel the election if only one person files a nominating petition to fill certain offices is increased to 105 days, from 75 days. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Rep. Townsend (R- Dist. 16)

Status: 1/29 from House elect with amend #4028.

**HB2367:
SCHOOLS; RESIDENCY DOCUMENTATION; POLICIES**

The State Board of Education, instead of the Department of Education, is required to establish policies for school districts and charter schools to require and maintain verifiable documentation of residency in Arizona for enrolled students.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist. 13)

Status: 2/24 from House rules okay. 1/23 referred to House fed-rel.

**HB2372:
SCHOOLS; DYSLEXIA; SCREENING; TRAINING**

The deadline for the Department of Education to develop a dyslexia screening plan is extended one year, to July 1, 2021. The deadline for each school district and charter school ensure that at least one kindergarten through third grade teacher in each school has received dyslexia training is extended one year, to July 1, 2022.

First sponsor: Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist. 17)

Status: Filed

**HB2387:
CONTINUING HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The State Board of Education is required to establish a continuing high school program to provide adult learners with alternative study services that lead to the issuance of a high school diploma and industry- recognized credentials. The Board is required to authorize service providers that are qualified 501 (c) (3) organizations that meet specified requirements to operate schools through partnerships with school districts, nonprofit charter schools or Career Technical Education Districts. A school participating in the program is eligible to receive base support level funding and additional assistance in the same manner as a school district or charter school, but is not eligible for transportation funding or Arizona online instruction funding. Establishes reporting requirements for service providers, and requires the Department of Education to report on the Program to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15, 2023 and by December 15 of each year after. The Board is authorized to approve program service providers with a total projected average daily membership of up to 350 in FY2021-22, up to 700 in FY2022-23, and up to 1,400 in FY2023-24 and each FY after. The program terminates on July 1, 2030.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [3/6 transmit to Senate](#); [3/5 House passed 45-15](#); [2/24 from House rules okay](#). 1/23 referred to House educ.

**HB2429:
SCHOOLS; IMMUNIZATIONS; REGISTERED NURSES; POSTING**

School districts and charter schools are required to post on their websites whether a registered nurse is assigned to each school and an explanation of the manner in which student health issues are addressed at the school. The school is also required to identify the clinical credentials or licenses of the person providing health services on campus. Required reports on immunizations are also required to be posted on school websites.

First sponsor: Rep. Butler (D - Dist. 28)

Status: Filed

**HB2438:
COLLEGE CREDIT BY EXAMINATION; APPROPRIATIONS**

The Department of Education is required to allocate monies in the College Credit by Examination Development Fund to eliminate or reduce the examination fee costs for students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches on a pro-rata basis determined by the number of eligible students. The requirement for the department to prioritize distributions from the Fund based on need may include showing that students are academically prepared for a qualifying examination but lack access in their local school to the corresponding course or an instructor prepared to teach the course. Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$1 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Education for the college credit by examination program. Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$1.5 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Fund.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/24 referred to Senate educ, appro.](#) 1/28 from House educ do pass.

**HB2448:
PUBLIC SCHOOLS; INNOVATION PLANS**

Public schools are authorized to submit an innovation plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The State Board of Education is required to prescribe requirements for an innovation plan, which must include specified provisions, including a description of the innovative practices the school would like to implement and a plan for implementation. In its innovation plan, a school is permitted to request an exemption from instructional hours requirements or any rules or policies that may hinder the full implementation of the plan, with some exceptions. The Superintendent is required to transmit the innovation plan to the Board within 60 days, with a recommendation for approval or resubmission. The Board is required to approve or reject an innovation plan within 60 days after receiving it. Approval is valid for five years, with options for extension and revocation. The Department of Education is required to develop a plan to evaluate schools of innovation, including performance measures and data required. The Dept. is required to compile the evaluation data in an annual report and to submit the report to the Governor and the Legislature by September 1 of each year. Schools are prohibited from penalizing a student who previously attended a school of innovation and transfers to another school. The Board is required to adopt rules to implement this legislation.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/24 Senate educ passed as amended 6-2](#); [referred to Senate rules](#). 2/4 from House educ do pass.

**HB2449:
SCHOOLS; PUPIL DISCIPLINE**

A school district or charter school is authorized to suspend or expel a student in kindergarten through 4th grade only if all of a list of circumstances apply, including that the district or school has employed alternative behavioral and disciplinary interventions. School districts and charter schools are prohibited from imposing an expulsion of more than one year or a suspension of more

than 20 school days. If a student is expelled from a school district or charter school, the district or school is required to provide the student and the student's parents with resources regarding accessible alternative educational options. If a student is expelled from a school district or charter school or suspended for more than 5 school days, the district or school is authorized to provide educational services for the student in an alternative education setting. School districts and charter schools are permitted to refuse to admit a student who was previously expelled from that district or school and continues to endanger the health or safety of others due to continuing to threaten violence. School boards are required to develop procedures allowing teachers to request that a student be immediately reassigned to another classroom under specified circumstances. School districts and charter schools are required to monthly report to the Department of Education on a list of specified information related to student discipline, including suspension, expulsion, alternative education, restraint and seclusion, and to annually report to the Dept. a list of demographic information of all students who are suspended, expelled or reassigned to an alternative education setting. The Dept. is required to compile the reports and annually post the information on its website.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: 1/29 referred to House educ.

HB2459:

SCHOOLS; REVENUES; EXPENDITURES; DATABASE

By September 1, 2021, each charter school governing body and school district governing board is required to develop, maintain and make publicly available a single, searchable expenditure and revenue website database that allows the public to review at no cost information concerning monies that the charter school or school district collects and spends. Data that must be included in the database is listed. The expenditure data is required to be provided in an open-structured data format that may be downloaded by the user and that allows the user to systematically sort, search and access all data.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/28 referred to House educ.

HB2460:

ABOR; TUITION; DEDUCTION; ACTUAL COST

The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) is required to fix resident tuition and fees based on the actual cost of educating the student, including maintenance and operations costs and capital costs, and is prohibited from considering a student's ability to pay. If ABOR establishes a nonresident tuition rate for high school graduates of Arizona who do not otherwise qualify for in-state tuition that is lower than the regular nonresident tuition rate, the Legislature is required to calculate the aggregate difference paid and deduct the amount calculated from the amount appropriated to ABOR in the next fiscal year.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/28 referred to House educ.

HB2488:

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; LIMIT; STOS

Increases the amount that school tuition organizations are required to allocate for educational scholarships or tuition grants to 95 percent of annual revenue from contributions made for tax credit purposes, from 90 percent.

First sponsor: Rep. Fernandez (D - Dist. 4)

Status: Filed

HB2489:

CTEDS; NONPROFITS; POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS; AGREEMENTS

The list of entities that may enter into agreements to provide administrative, operational and educational services and facilities for a Career Technical Education District (CTED) Board is

expanded to include a nonprofit organization that is devoted to vocational training or a public or private postsecondary institution.

First sponsor: Rep. Fernandez (D - Dist. 4)

Status: 1/29 referred to House educ.

HB2491:

APPROPRIATION; ARIZONA TEACHERS ACADEMY

Appropriates \$5.5 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Arizona Board of Regents to operate the Arizona Teachers Academy.

First sponsor: Rep. Fernandez (D - Dist. 4)

Status: 1/29 referred to House educ, appro.

HB2500:

SFB; PROCUREMENT; BUILDING RENEWAL GRANTS

School districts that receive monies from the Building Renewal Grant Fund are authorized to use the monies for major renovations and repairs to a building that is required to meet minimum school facility adequacy guidelines. A school district that is notified that monies will be distributed from the Fund for a project approved by the School Facilities Board (SFB) only if the legislature appropriates sufficient monies is permitted to use legally available district monies to execute the project and reimburse those district monies at a later date with Fund monies if the distribution is made. The SFB is prohibited from altering the priority of Fund distributions based on whether a school district has used legally available district monies to execute a project. Any project that a school district undertakes and that is authorized by the SFB is subject to the procurement rules adopted by the State Board Of Education.

First sponsor: Rep. Weninger (R- Dist. 17)

Status: 2/18 from House educ do pass. 1/29 referred to House educ, appro.

HB2514:

SCHOOLS; SPECIAL EDUCATION WEIGHTS; FUNDING

Session law establishes new calculations for the base support level for school funding, including new support level weights, for FY2020-21, FY2021-22, FY2022-23, and FY2023-24. Modifies the statutory school support level weights used to calculate the base support level for FY2024-25 and each FY after, and adds a funding category of "G" for educational programs for gifted students. The Auditor General is required to conduct and complete a special audit and cost study of school district special education programs, which must include specified information. Appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund in each of FY2020-21, FY2021-22, and FY2022-23 to the Auditor General for the special audit and cost study. Appropriates \$3 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Extraordinary Special Education Needs Fund.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist. 28)

Status: Filed

HB2516:

CHARTER SCHOOLS; AUDITS; FINANCIAL REPORTS

Any audit of a charter school is required to include a review of the charter school's annual financial report.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist. 28)

Status: Filed

HB2517:

SCHOOLS; CHARTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS; CONTRACTS

A charter school or charter holder that contracts with a "charter management organization" is required to submit the contract to the State Board for Charter Schools for review.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist. 28)

Status: Filed

**HB2518:
SCHOOLS; EXPENDITURE LIMIT; OVERRIDES**

The maximum time period that voters in a school district may approve a budget in excess of the revenue control limit is increased to ten years, from seven years. A budget increase approved for five years or more is no longer required to be reduced to 2/3 of the initial proposed percentage increase in the next to last year and Status: 1/3 of the initial proposed percentage increase in the last year.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist. 28)

Status: Filed

**HB2521:
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; LIMIT; STOS**

Increases the amount that school tuition organizations are required to allocate for educational scholarships or tuition grants to 95 percent of annual revenue from contributions made for tax credit purposes, from 90 percent.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist. 28)

Status: Filed

**HB2523:
OVERRIDES; INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS; ARGUMENT SUBMITTALS**

Arguments for and against a proposed school budget override are required to be notarized, and each argument filed is required to also be submitted to the county school superintendent in an electronic format.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist. 28)

Status: 1/28 referred to House elect.

**HB2524:
SCHOOLS; COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE; MINIMUM AGE**

School attendance is mandatory for children if they are between 5 and 16 years of age (formerly, between 6 and 16) unless the child is excused for a list of permitted reasons, is accompanied by a parent or person authorized by a parent, or is provided with instruction in a homeschool. A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if the child is four years of age before September 1 of the current school year.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist. 28)

Status: Filed

**HB2526:
ARIZONA ONLINE INSTRUCTION; FUNDING**

For the 201st through 1000th students enrolled full-time in Arizona online instruction, the student is funded for online instruction at 80 percent, decreased from 95 percent, of the base support level that would be calculated for that student if enrolled full-time in a school district or charter school that does not participate in online instruction. For the 201st through 1000th students enrolled part-time in Arizona online instruction, the student is funded for online instruction at 70 percent, decreased from 85 percent, of the base support level that would be calculated for that student if enrolled part-time in a school district or charter school that does not participate in online instruction. For the 1001st and any additional students enrolled full-time in Arizona online instruction, the student is funded for online instruction at 70 percent, decreased from 95 percent, of the base support level that would be calculated for that student if enrolled full-time in a school district or charter school that does not participate in online instruction. For the 1001st and any additional students enrolled part-time in Arizona online instruction, the student is funded for

online instruction at 70 percent, decreased from 85 percent, of the base support level that would be calculated for that student if enrolled part-time in a school district or charter school that does not participate in online instruction.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist. 28)

Status: Filed

HB2567:

APPROPRIATION; LEAD SCREENING; CHARTER SCHOOLS

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Environmental Quality for lead screening of drinking water in charter schools.

First sponsor: Rep. Engel (D - Dist. 10)

Status: Filed

HB2569:

DCS; INVESTIGATION; SCHOOLS; CHILDREN; DISABILITIES

A child safety worker or a child safety investigator is authorized to enter a school that teaches a "child with disabilities" (defined) to investigate a report of abuse of such a child at the school.

First sponsor: Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist. 18)

Status: Filed

HB2591:

APPROPRIATIONS; COMMUNITY COLLEGES; PUBLIC SAFETY

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$150,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to each community college district located in a county with a population of less than 500,000 persons, which must be used to enhance public safety for the district. Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$150,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to each community college district located in a county with a population of less than 500,000 persons that provides on-campus housing for at least 100 persons, which must be used to enhance public safety for the district. Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$150,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to each community college district located in a county with a population of less than 500,000 persons that functions as the primary educational provider to a provisional community college district, which must be used to enhance public safety for the district.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist. 14)

Status: 1/27 referred to House educ, appro.

HB2602:

ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES; TUITION

A person who applies for admission to a state university or community college after graduating from a public or private high school in Arizona is entitled to the Arizona high school graduate tuition rate in an amount prescribed by the Arizona Board of Regents or the community college district governing board. A person who has previously qualified for the Arizona high school graduate tuition rate remains qualified for that tuition rate as long as that person remains "continuously enrolled" (defined) at that educational institution.

First sponsor: Rep. Rivero (R - Dist. 21)

Status: Filed

HB2609:

SCHOOLS; UNFUNDED MANDATES; PROHIBITION

Beginning in 2021, the Legislature is prohibited from enacting any unfunded mandate on public schools, and every legislative measure that is introduced and that has a fiscal impact on public schools is required to contain a sustainable funding source. The staff of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee is required to prepare a fiscal analysis of every legislative measure that is introduced that has a fiscal impact on public schools.

First sponsor: Rep. Peten (D - Dist. 4)
Status: 1/30 referred to House educ.

**HB2623:
SCHOOLS; POSTING; CIVIL RIGHTS DATA**

Each public school and local education agency is required to post on its website the most recent information it reported to the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights for the purposes of the civil rights data collection survey. Data that is protected under federal law must be redacted.

First sponsor: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist. 20)
Status: 1/30 referred to House educ.

**HB2625:
CIVICS CELEBRATION DAY; CIVICS EDUCATION**

September 25 of each year shall be observed as Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day, which is not a legal holiday. On Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day, each public school in Arizona is required to dedicate the majority of the school day to civics education. If Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day falls on a day when public school is not in session, the preceding or following school day is required to be observed in the public school as the holiday. The State Board of Education is required to develop a list of resources relating to civics education that align with the academic standards in social studies for the purposes of Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day instruction.

First sponsor: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist. 20)

Status: [2/24 Senate gov passed 5-1](#); [referred to House rules](#). 2/3 from House rules okay.

**HB2626:
GIFTED PUPILS; WEIGHTS; REPORTS; APPROPRIATION**

By November 1, 2020 and on or before July 1 every four years thereafter, the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature that includes statewide data and data by county on the amount of monies generated by all group A weights and all group B weights for school funding, and the number of students attending school through open enrollment. By November 1, 2020, the Dept. is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature of statewide data and data by county for specified information relating to gifted education programs. Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Dept. for additional assistance for gifted programs.

First sponsor: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist. 20)

Status: [2/24 from House rules okay](#). 1/30 referred to House educ, appro.

**HB2636:
ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES; RETAIL LICENSING**

It is unlawful for a person to sell, give or furnish a tobacco product to a person who is under the minimum age of sale for tobacco products as set by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, instead of for a person to sell or furnish tobacco products to minors. For the purposes this prohibition and statutes regulating tobacco sales, the definition of "tobacco products" is expanded to include any product containing, made of or derived from tobacco or nicotine and that is intended for human consumption, and to include an "electronic smoking device" (defined) and any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by the device, whether or not it contains nicotine, and any component, part, or accessory that is used in the consumption of these products. Before distributing any tobacco product, a retail tobacco vendor or the vendor's representative or employee is required to verify that the purchaser is at least the minimum age of sale for tobacco products as set by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Establishes civil penalties for violations. The Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to conduct at least two unannounced compliance checks on a retail tobacco vendor annually. Beginning January 1, 2022, a retail tobacco vendor is prohibited from distributing tobacco products in Arizona without a valid

tobacco retail sales license from DHS. DHS is required to establish fees for licenses. Licensing requirements are specified. Licenses are nontransferable and are valid for two years. Establishes civil penalties for selling tobacco products without a license. More.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R- Dist. 6)

Status: Filed

HB2637:

SMOKING DEVICES; TOBACCO PRODUCTS; DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of the statutes prohibiting the furnishing of tobacco products to minors and statutes regulating tobacco sales, the definition of "tobacco products" is expanded to include any product containing, made of or derived from tobacco or nicotine and that is intended for human consumption, and to include an "electronic smoking device" (defined) and any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by the device, whether or not it contains nicotine, and any component, part, or accessory that is used in the consumption of these products.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R- Dist. 6)

Status: Filed

HB2648:

ALTERNATIVE TESTING; EXEMPTION; SPECIAL EDUCATION

The State Board of Education is required to adopt rules that allow a student to participate in alternative testing instead of the required statewide testing if the student is enrolled in a special education program or a self-contained program for students with disabilities that does not adequately prepare students for the testing. The rules must allow a student's individualized education program team to exempt the student from the testing with sufficient data to justify the exemption.

First sponsor: Rep. Barto (R - Dist. 15)

Status: [2/24 from House rules okay](#). 1/27 House educ held.

HB2650:

SCHOOLS; STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT; ACT; SAT

Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the statewide assessment to measure student achievement is required to consist of the ACT and SAT, and the high school graduation criteria prescribed by school district governing boards is required to include taking the ACT and SAT. On the effective date of this legislation, the State Board of Education is required to discontinue the AZMERIT test as the statewide assessment and adopt the ACT and SAT as the statewide assessment.

First sponsor: Rep. Finchem (R - Dist. 11)

Status: 2/3 referred to House educ.

HB2654:

PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUPS; SCHOOL ACCESS

During the first quarter of each academic school year, the principal of a public school is permitted to allow representatives from any youth group listed in the federal code as a patriotic society to address students for up to 10 minutes during regular school hours about how the youth group supports educational interests and civic involvement. The principal is required to ensure that material provided by a youth group listed in the federal code as a patriotic society and its representatives be distributed directly to students on school property throughout the academic school year to encourage student participation in the youth group.

First sponsor: Rep. Thorpe (R - Dist. 6)

Status: [3/5 transmit to Senate](#); [3/4 TECH passed as amended 44-15](#); 2/19 from House tech with amend #4358. 2/6 referred to House educ.

**HB2658:
SCHOOLS; SEX EDUCATION**

Numerous changes to statutes relating to sex education in public schools. School districts and charter schools are prohibited from providing sex education instruction before the 5th grade. Prohibits charter schools, in addition to school districts, from providing sex education instruction to a student unless the student's parent provides written permission. Written permission from a parent is also required for a student to participate in instruction on AIDS and HIV. School districts and charter schools are required to make any sex education curricula, including curricula related to instruction on AIDS and HIV, available for a parent's review, and to notify parents where the curricula is available before the parent provides written permission and at least two weeks before any instruction is offered.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist. 5)

Status: Filed

**HB2678:
CTEDS; DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS; ELECTIONS**

To be eligible for election to the office of Career Technical Education Board member from the single member district, a person must have been a resident of the single member district for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election. A qualified elector of a school district that has previously increased its governing board to five members is authorized to submit to the county school superintendent a petition, signed by at least ten percent of the qualified electors of the district, requesting that the question of reducing the number of members of the school district governing board to three be considered in the next general election. If the majority of the electors voting on the question of reducing the number of governing board members votes in the affirmative, the school district is required to reduce its governing board to three members. A member who is serving on a school district governing board that reduces its governing board to three members continues to serve as a member of the governing board until expiration of the member's current term of office. A process for reducing the membership of the board is specified.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/17 from House rules okay](#). 2/5 referred to House educ.

**HB2679:
SFB; DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

The School Facilities Board (SFB) is renamed the School Facilities Oversight Board (Board) and is transferred to the Department of Administration. Board membership is modified, including by adding the Director of the Dept. or the Director's designee to serve as chairperson and an advisory nonvoting member. The Dept., instead of the Board is required to administer the Building Renewal Grant Fund and distribute monies to school districts for the purpose of maintaining the adequacy of existing school facilities, and to establish policies and procedures relating to building renewal grant change orders. The Director of the Dept. serves as the Director of the Board. Establishes the Capital Additional Assistance Fund and requires the State Treasurer to allocate monies in the Fund to school districts on a pro rata basis using the weighted student count for the school district for the prior fiscal year. School districts may use monies on projects for buildings or any part of a building in the Board's database for a list of specified purposes, including major renovations and repairs to buildings used for academic purposes. A person who is serving as a member of the SFB on the effective date of this legislation is eligible to continue to serve as a member of the School Facilities Oversight Board until expiration of the current term of office. Session law provides for the succession of the School Facilities Oversight Board within the Dept. to the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of the SFB, including transferring all administrative matters, equipment and other property, and personnel. Appropriates \$40 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Capital Additional Assistance Fund and \$60 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Building Renewal Grant Fund. More. Due to voter protection, one section of this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: [2/20 from House appro with amend #4347](#). 2/3 referred to House educ, appro.

HB2680:

CHARTER SCHOOLS; ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE; PRESCHOOL

Charter schools are authorized to give enrollment preference to students who, in the prior year, attended a preschool program at the charter school or at a charter school with the same charter holder and governing body or that is managed by the same educational management organization.

First sponsor: Rep. Shope (R - Dist. 8)

Status: 2/3 referred to House educ.

HB2682:

SCHOOLS; INSTRUCTION; HOLOCAUST; GENOCIDES

In adopting the course of study and competency requirements, the State Board of Education must include a requirement that students be taught about the Holocaust and other genocides at least twice between the 7th and 12th grades.

First sponsor: Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist. 3)

Status: [2/24 Senate educ passed 8-0](#); referred to [Senate rules](#). 2/3 from House rules okay.

HB2684:

CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM; UNDERPERFORMING DISTRICTS

The Department of Education is required to establish a crisis management team to recommend necessary changes for any persistently underperforming school district, and team membership is specified. A crisis management team is required to establish a work plan to evaluate the local circumstances and needs of a school district. The criteria for a school district to qualify for a crisis management team are specified. The crisis management team is required to submit a preliminary report by July 1, 2020 and submit a final report by December 31, 2020 to the Governor, the Legislature and the Dept. Information that must be included in the report is listed. Contains a legislative intent section. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: 2/3 from House rules okay.

HB2762:

PROJECT ROCKET PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATIONS

This bill establishes the Project Rocket Pilot Program (Program) and Project Rocket Fund (Fund) to improve academic outcomes for all students in eligible schools. Program and Fund • Directs schools that receive funding to prioritize resources to implement evidence based, proven strategies to increase academic gain and graduation rates for students who are struggling academically due to socioeconomic factors • Establishes the Fund from continuous legislative appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, and any other money transferred to the Fund • Directs the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to administer the Fund at the direction of the State Board of Education (SBE) • Specifies that unused money in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year will not revert to the state's general fund. • Allows ADE to accept and spend federal monies, private grants, gifts, and contributions to the Fund Appropriations and Distribution of Funds • Appropriates \$44.6M from the general fund in FY21, FY22, and FY23 to the Project Rocket Fund • Appropriates \$1M and 7 full time employees from the general fund in FY21, FY22, and FY23 to SBE to administer the Project Rocket Pilot Program • Requires ADE to distribute money from the Fund in FY21, FY22, and FY23 as follows: o Each school operated by a school district or charter holder that received a C letter grade the previous year and has at least 60% of its students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches (or an equivalent measure) shall receive \$150 per student o Each school operated by a school district or charter holder that received a D letter grade the previous year shall receive \$150 per student o Each school operated by a school district or charter holder that received a F letter grade the previous year shall receive \$150 per student o Each school operated by a school district or charter holder that did not receive a letter grade during the prior year shall receive \$150

per student if it feeds into a school that qualifies for the Program ▪ For the purposes of this Program only, a school that did not receive a letter grade during the prior year shall assume it receives the same letter grade as the school it feeds into

First sponsor: Rep. Udall (R - Dist. 25)

Status: 2/25 House minority caucus: do pass.

HCR2001:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION; REQUIREMENTS

The 2020 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to repeal and replace provisions related to English language learners. Public schools are required to ensure that all English language learners receive the highest quality education, master the English language and access high quality, innovative research-based language programs. School districts and charter schools are authorized to establish dual- language immersion programs for both native and nonnative English speakers. Directs Legislative Council to prepare conforming legislation.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 1/28 from House educ do pass.

HCR2003:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION; REQUIREMENTS

The 2020 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to repeal and replace provisions related to English language learners. Public schools are required to ensure that all English language learners receive the highest quality education, master the English language and access high quality, innovative research-based language programs. School districts and charter schools are authorized to establish dual- language immersion programs for both native and nonnative English speakers. Directs Legislative Council to prepare conforming legislation.

First sponsor: Rep. Espinoza (D- Dist. 19)

Status: Filed

HCR2005:

SCHOOLS; CONSOLIDATION; UNIFICATION

The 2020 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to require each school district in Arizona to be a unified school district by July 1, 2026. Each school district governing board is required to annually determine the cost saving that result from any consolidation or unification with other school districts, and the cost savings are retained by the district and used for classroom expenditures as determined by the school board, with at least 25 percent being used for teacher salaries. Statute exempting small school districts from the general budget limit is repealed, and session law provides budget revision amounts for FY2026-27, FY2027-28 and FY2028-29. By September 15, 2021, each county school superintendent must complete a feasibility study on the unification and/or consolidation of the school districts within that county, and provide a copy of the study to all school boards in the county. Required components of the feasibility study are specified. By June 30, 2024, the governing board of each school district is required to develop, adopt and publish a plan to unify and/or consolidate the school district with other school districts within that county. Establishes revenue control limits for school districts that are unified or consolidated without an election. The authority to form and operate union high school districts in Arizona ends on June 30, 2026. Appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to each county with a population of 500,000 persons or less and \$750,000 to each county with a population of more than 500,000 persons for implementation.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist. 16)

Status: 2/5 from House fed-rel do pass.

**HCR2008:
SCHOOL FINANCE; PAYMENT DEFERRALS; PROHIBITION**

The 2020 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to prohibit the Legislature from deferring a payment to a school district that is scheduled by law to be made in one fiscal year to the next fiscal year.

First sponsor: Rep. Petersen (R- Dist. 12)

Status: 2/6 from House appro do pass.

**HCR2023:
SCHOOL DISTRICTS; EXPENDITURE LIMIT; AUTHORIZATION**

The Legislature authorizes the expenditure of local revenues by school districts in excess of the expenditure limitation prescribed in the state Constitution in FY2020-21. This authorization is effective only on the approval of this resolution by at least 2/3 of the members of each house of the Legislature by roll call vote.

First sponsor: Rep. Kern (R - Dist. 20)

Status: 1/28 passed House 59-0; ready for Senate.

**HCR2031:
EDUCATION; TPT; USE TAX**

The 2020 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to levy a separate 1 percent transaction privilege tax beginning July 1, 2021 for the purpose of raising revenues for education. The net revenues derived from the tax are appropriated as follows: 75 percent for primary and secondary classroom education purposes, 20 percent for maintaining an in-state tuition rate that is consistent with the state Constitutional requirement for tuition to be as nearly free as possible, and 5 percent for community college trade and workforce development programs.

First sponsor: Rep. Campbell (R- Dist. 1)

Status: Filed

SENATE BILLS

**SB1012:
EXECUTIVE SESSION; SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS**

The list of purposes for which a public body is authorized to hold an executive session is expanded to include discussion or consideration of matters relating to school safety operations or school safety plans or programs. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist. 5)

Status: 2/13 passed Senate 29-0; ready for House. 2/4 from Senate gov do pass.

**SB1028:
DHS; ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE; PUBLIC HEALTH**

The list of circumstances under which the Governor is authorized to issue an enhanced surveillance advisory is expanded to include if the Governor has reasonable cause to believe that an illness, health condition or clinical syndrome caused by an emerging public health threat has occurred or may occur.

First sponsor: Sen. Carter (R - Dist. 15)

Status: 1/13 referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

**SB1030:
EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS; EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Charter school governing bodies and school district governing boards are authorized to discuss or consider emergency response plans in executive session. An emergency response plan is not subject to inspection under public records laws.

First sponsor: Sen. Carter (R - Dist. 15)

Status: [2/13 passed Senate 30-0; ready for House](#). 2/4 from Senate gov do pass.

**SB1036:
EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIPS; THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; REPEAL**

Repeals statute requiring the Department of Education to contract with a third-party administrator to assist in the financial administration of empowerment scholarship accounts.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)

Status: 1/30 passed Senate 30-0; ready for House.

**SB1042:
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; SECURITY PLANS**

The list of purposes for which a public body is authorized to hold an executive session is expanded to include discussion or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to discuss security plans, procedures, assessments, measures or systems relating to, or having an impact on, the security or safety of buildings or facilities and information technology maintained by the public body. Records, documentation, notes, or other materials made by or provided to the representatives for these purposes are confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

First sponsor: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist. 5)

Status: [2/13 Senate COW approved with amend #4219; passed Senate 30-0; ready for House](#). 2/4 from Senate gov do pass.

**SB1048:
SCHOOLS; EMPLOYEES; EMPLOYMENT; DISCIPLINE**

The Department of Education is required to investigate written complaints alleging that a "noncertificated person" (defined as a school district or charter school employee who does not possess a teaching certificate and meets other specified requirements) engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct. The State Board of Education is required to review a complain to determine whether to take disciplinary action against a noncertificated person who has engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct, including prohibiting the person's employment at a school district or charter school for up to five years. Before employing a certificated or noncertificated person, school districts and charter schools are required to conduct a search of the educator information system that is maintained by the Dept. on the prospective employee. School districts and charter schools are prohibited from employing in a position that requires a valid fingerprint clearance card either a certificated person whose certificate has been suspended, surrendered or revoked and not subsequently reinstated, or a noncertificated person who has had disciplinary action imposed by the Board under this legislation.

First sponsor: Sen. Brophy McGee (R - Dist. 28)

Status: 1/30 passed Senate 30-0; ready for House.

**SB1058:
INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS**

A public educational agency is required to afford the parent of a child with a disability the right to an "independent educational evaluation" (defined). On request for an evaluation, the public educational agency is required to provide specified information about an evaluation to the parent. An independent educational evaluation that is provided at public expense is required to conform to the same criteria that the public educational agency uses when it initiates an educational evaluation. A public educational agency is permitted to decline to pay for an independent educational evaluation that does not meet the criteria, including reasonable cost limits. The State

Board of Education is required to adopt rules establishing minimum standards for evaluation criteria.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)

Status: 1/13 referred to Senate educ.

SB1059:

TPT; USE TAX; EDUCATION

Establishes a required distribution formula for all monies collected from a new article in the state Constitution or from the additional transaction privilege tax rate increment of 0.6 percent imposed from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2041. Requires monies generated from either tax to be paid in monthly installments as follows: 75 percent to the Classroom Site Fund, except that \$86.28 million annually must be paid annually to the Department of Education to fund Basic State Aid; 20 percent to the Arizona Board of Regents to be distributed proportionally to each university based on the number of students who receive in-state tuition to subsidize resident student tuition costs, with \$78 million of that 20 percent being distributed to the Technology and Research Initiative Fund, and 5 percent for community college trade and workforce development programs and provisional community colleges. These monies are prohibited from supplanting, replacing or causing a reduction in other school district, charter school, community college or university funding sources. Modifies the purposes for which monies from the Classroom Site Fund must be spent to remove teacher liability insurance premiums and add voluntary full-day kindergarten, "student support services" (defined), character education, school safety, career and technical education, accountability purposes and transportation. Deletes the requirement for school districts and charter schools to allocate 40 percent of the monies received from the Classroom Site Fund for teacher compensation increases based on performance and employment related expenses, 20 percent of the monies for teacher base salary increases and employment related expenses, and 40 percent of the monies for maintenance and operation purposes. Repeals the additional transaction privilege tax rate increment of 0.6 percent imposed from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2041 that would have been distributed for specified education purposes, and repeals statute specifying the distribution of those revenues. Sections applicable to monies collected from a new article in the state Constitution and repealing the additional TPT rate increment are conditionally enacted effective July 1, 2021 if the state Constitution is amended by a vote of the people at the 2020 general election by passage of an unspecified Senate Concurrent Resolution (blank in original). Sections modifying the distribution of monies from the additional TPT rate increment are conditionally enacted effective July 1, 2021 if the state Constitution is not amended by a vote of the people at the 2020 general election by passage of an unspecified Senate Concurrent Resolution (blank in original).

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)

Status: [2/24 Senate COW approved with amend #4029 and floor amend 4439](#). 2/6 withdrawn from Senate appro.

SB1060:

SPECIAL EDUCATION; GROUP B WEIGHTS

Monies in the Extraordinary Special Education Needs Fund are continuously appropriated, instead of subject to legislative appropriation. The Department of Education is authorized to retain up to two percent of the monies in the Fund for administration purposes. The Dept. is required to award monies from the Fund to school districts and charter schools with eligible claims demonstrating that a student receiving special education services has incurred costs in the current year of at least the statewide per pupil funding average multiplied by three. The Dept. is required to evaluate claim requests on a quarterly basis, and a process for prioritizing funding if there are insufficient monies in the Fund is specified. The Dept. is required to annually report to the Governor and the Legislature on claims funded in the previous year. Certain group B support level weights are increased. Appropriates \$5 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Fund.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)

Status: 1/30 passed Senate 28-2; [3/2 passed House Education Committee](#)

**SB1061:
SCHOOLS; PARENTAL RIGHTS; POSTING**

The Department of Education is required to establish and post on its website a statutory handbook of parental rights that consists of the text of a list of specified statutes. Each school district and charter school in Arizona is required to prominently post on a publicly accessible portion of its website a link to the handbook.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)
Status: 1/30 passed Senate 30-0; ready for House.

**SB1069:
SCHOOLS; PROHIBITED COURSES; REPEAL**

Repeals statute prohibiting school districts or charter schools from offering classes that promote the overthrow of the U.S. government, promote resentment toward a race or class of people, are designed primarily for students of a particular ethnic group or advocate ethnic solidarity.

First sponsor: Sen. Quezada (D- Dist. 29)
Status: 1/13 referred to Senate educ.

**SB1082:
SEX EDUCATION; SCHOOLS**

Numerous changes to statutes relating to "sex education" (defined) in public schools. Prohibits charter schools, in addition to school districts, from providing sex education instruction to a student unless the student's parent provides written permission. Establishes a list information that school districts and charter schools are required to provide when seeking written permission from parents for sex education. Before a school district or charter school offers sex education instruction, the school district governing board or charter school governing body is required to review and approve the sex education course of study and ensure compliance with statute. Before approval, the board must make any proposed sex education course of study available to the public for review and comment. Sex education instruction is required to emphasize sexual risk avoidance rather than sexual risk reduction, and is prohibited from normalizing sexual conduct between minors or with a minor. Authorization for schools to provide instruction to students on AIDS and HIV is limited to students in grades 7 through 12. By December 15, 2020, each school district and charter school that offers any sex education instruction is required to review its course of study and revise it to comply with this legislation.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)
Status: Filed

**SB1084:
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP; HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS**

For the purpose of school funding, a part time high school student who is enrolled in a single course and who is reported to the Department of Education as a homeschool student, the average daily membership may be reported as 0.25. Does not apply to students who are enrolled in Arizona online instruction or a dropout recovery program.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)
Status: 1/21 Senate educ held.

**SB1120:
SCHOOLS; SEX EDUCATION INSTRUCTION**

All school districts and charter schools are required to provide sex education instruction that is "medically accurate" and "age- appropriate" (both defined) for students in kindergarten through

grade 12. Information that must be included in sex education instruction is specified. Sex education for grades 6 through 12 is required to stress the importance of using effective methods of contraception, including abstinence, to prevent unintended pregnancy and protect against sexually transmitted infections. School districts and charter schools are required to make sex education instruction materials available for parental review. A student may be excused from any part of the instruction only at the written request of the student's parent or guardian. Parents have the right to opt out of sex education, instead of the right to opt in. Statute governing parental involvement in schools and requiring school boards to adopt policies promoting parent involvement that include a list of required provisions is expanded to include charter schools.

First sponsor: Sen. Steele (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

SB1122:

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION ELECTIONS; MAJORITY VOTE

In an election to consolidate two or more school districts, the districts are consolidated if a majority of the total votes cast approved the consolidation, instead of if a majority of the votes cast in each district approved the consolidation.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)

Status: [3/5 Senate motion to reconsider third reading](#); [3/4 Senate failed 13-16](#); but [Senator Allen made motion to reconsider](#)

SB1123:

COMMUNITY COLLEGES; LEASE- PURCHASE AGREEMENTS; INDEBTEDNESS

The maximum period of time a community college district board may enter into a lease-purchase agreement is increased to 20 years, from 15 years. The amount of outstanding indebtedness due to acquiring real property by lease- purchase for community college districts in counties with a population of 750,000 persons or more (Maricopa and Pima Counties) is increased to \$25 million in any one year and \$50 million in the aggregate, from \$2.5 million in any one year and \$15 million in the aggregate.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist. 17)

Status: [2/10 passed Senate 29-0](#); [ready for House](#). [2/6 Senate COW approved](#).

SB1133:

PUBLIC WORKS; CONTRACTS; PAYMENT

If a governmental entity directs a contractor to perform changed or additional work in accordance with a construction contract, a process is established for a contractor or subcontractor to request payment for changed or additional work completed during the preceding calendar month in monthly pay estimates, pending a final determination of the total cost to be paid for the changed or additional work. The person designated in the construction contract to certify and approve the monthly payment estimate will make an interim determination for purposes of approval for payment of those costs. Either party may disagree with an interim determination and assert a claim in accordance with the terms of the contract. In any action or arbitration brought under these circumstances, the successful party must be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs.

First sponsor: Sen. Gray (R - Dist. 21)

Status: [2/24 Senate COW approved with amend #4150 and floor amend 4443](#). [1/16 referred to Senate gov.](#)

SB1146:

SCHOOLS; SEIZURE MANAGEMENT; TREATMENT PLANS

Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, the parent or guardian of a student who has a seizure disorder and who is enrolled in public school in Arizona is authorized to seek care for the student's seizures while the student is at school or participating in a school-sponsored activity. The parent or guardian is required to submit to the school district or charter school a copy of a seizure management and treatment plan developed by the parent or guardian and the physician responsible

for the student's seizure treatment. Requirements for the plan are specified. School districts, charter schools, employees of school districts or charter schools and nurses who are under contract with a school district or charter school are immune from civil liability with respect to all decisions made and actions taken that are based on good faith implementation of a seizure management and treatment plan. By December 1, 2020, the State Board of Education is required to approve an online course of instruction that is provided free of charge by a nonprofit national foundation and that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders. School nurses and school employees whose duties include regular contact with students are required to complete the online course.

First sponsor: Sen. Kerr (R - Dist. 13)

Status: 2/24 Senate COW approved with floor amend #4440. 2/5 from Senate educ do pass.

**SB1164:
SEVERE THREAT ORDER OF PROTECTION**

In counties with a population of 150,000 persons or more, the presiding judge of the superior court, during the hours that the courts are closed, is required to make available on a rotating basis a judge or commissioner who may issue a severe threat order of protection (STOP order) by telephone. In counties with a population of less than 150,000 persons, a superior court judge or commissioner may issue a STOP order by telephone. The judge or commissioner may issue a written or oral STOP order if a peace officer attests to having probable cause to believe that a person poses a threat of death or serious physical injury to self or others or has committed an act or attempted act of violence that resulted in or is intended to result in death or serious physical injury to self or others within the preceding 14 days. A STOP order includes an order enjoining the respondent from contacting any person or entering any premises that is the subject of a threat and that justified the order, an order requiring the respondent to be evaluated by a behavioral health professional to determine if the respondent is a danger to self or others and whether the respondent should be referred for treatment, an order prohibiting the respondent from possessing or purchasing a firearm for the duration of the STOP order and requiring the respondent to designate a responsible custodian to take possession of any firearms in the respondent's possession, and any other relief that is necessary to protect the respondent or any other person who is the subject of a threat, act or attempted act that resulted in the STOP order. A STOP order expires in 14 days or after the respondent provides the court with a notice of completion of an evaluation by a behavioral health professional, whichever is later, unless otherwise continued by the court. A STOP order must state that the respondent is entitled to a hearing on written request, and hearing procedures are established.

First sponsor: Sen. Brophy McGee (R - Dist. 28)

Status: 1/21 referred to Senate jud.

SB1166: APPROPRIATION; STEM INTERNSHIPS

Appropriates \$2 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Arizona Commerce Authority for matching monies for educational stipends for high school, college and university students and for K- 12 teachers in Arizona who participate in STEM internships. The Authority is required to establish guidelines and procedures for awarding the stipends. Some stipend requirements are specified, including maximum award amounts.

First sponsor: Sen. Carter (R - Dist. 15)

Status: 2/4 from Senate higher ed-work dev with amend #4060.

**SB1169:
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION**

Establishes the School Health Program within the Department of Education to promote and enhance healthy and effective learning environments for all students by supporting the costs of placing school nurses and school psychologists on school campuses. School districts and charter schools may apply to participate in the Program for up to three fiscal years by submitting a program proposal to the Dept. Information that must be included in the program proposal is

specified. The Dept. is required to distribute monies to the school districts and charter schools that are in compliance with Program requirements and whose program proposals have been approved by the State Board of Education. The Dept. is required to evaluate the effectiveness of approved program proposals and report on the Program to the Governor and the Legislature by November 1 of each year. The Program ends July 1, 2030. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Dept. for the Program.

First sponsor: Sen. Carter (R - Dist. 15)

Status: 1/21 referred to Senate educ, appro.

**SB1174:
TECH CORRECTION; STUDENT STATUS GUIDELINES**

Minor change in Title 15 (Education) related to student status guidelines. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)

Status: 1/21 referred to Senate rules.

**SB1200:
SCHOOLS; SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION**

Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, school districts and charter schools are required to establish education and training on sexual abuse prevention for employees and students in accordance with guidelines and curricula developed by the Department of Education. Information that must be included in the education and training is specified. Each public school is required to post in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to students a sign that contains the telephone number operated by the Department of Child Safety to receive reports of child abuse or neglect.

First sponsor: Sen. Steele (D - Dist. 9)

Status: Filed

**SB1209:
STUDENTS; DATA; ACCESSIBILITY; GOVERNANCE COMMISSION**

The education learning and accountability system developed by the Department of Education is required to be accessible to county school superintendents, the State Board of Education and the State Board for Charter Schools. A county school superintendent is added to the Data Governance Commission in the Dept.

First sponsor: Sen. Pace (R - Dist. 25)

Status: 3/5 Senate COW: [do pass amended](#); 2/11 from Senate rules okay. 2/5 from Senate educ with amend #4080.

**SB1214:
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; LIMIT; STOS**

Increases the amount that school tuition organizations are required to allocate for educational scholarships or tuition grants to 95 percent of annual revenue from contributions made for tax credit purposes, from 90 percent.

First sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist. 18)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate educ.

**SB1215:
TEACHERS ACADEMY; COUNSELORS; SOCIAL WORKERS**

Expands the Arizona Teachers Academy, which offers scholarships to students who commit to teaching in a public school in Arizona, to include students who commit to working as school social workers and school counselors in Arizona.

First sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist. 18)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate higher ed-work dev.

**SB1216:
SCHOOL COUNSELORS; GRANTS**

Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, if sufficient monies are appropriated, each school district and charter school is required to hire at least one "school counselor" (defined) for every 550 students who are enrolled in the school district or charter school. The State Board of Education is required to issue a certificate to school counselors who satisfy the certification requirements adopted by the Board by rule. A person cannot be employed as a school counselor in a school district or charter school in Arizona after June 30, 2021 unless that person obtains a school counselor certificate from the Board. Establishes the School Counseling Plan Grant Fund to be administered by the Department of Education to provide grants to schools, school districts and charter schools to assist with the costs of a "school counseling plan" (defined). Application requirements for grants from the Fund are specified. Appropriates the following amounts from the general fund in the following fiscal years to the Fund: \$19 million in FY2020-21, \$38 million in FY2021-22, \$57 million in FY2022-23, \$76 million in FY2023- 24, and \$95 million in FY2024-25.

First sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist. 18)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate educ, appro.

**SB1224:
EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIPS; QUALIFIED SCHOOLS; RESERVATIONS**

For the purpose of Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, the definition of "qualified school" is expanded to include, for qualified students who reside within the boundaries of an Indian reservation in Arizona, a nongovernmental primary or secondary school or a preschool for students with disabilities that is located in an adjacent state and that is within two miles of the boundary of that Indian reservation.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)

Status: 2/11 from Senate rules okay. 2/5 from Senate educ with amend #4081.

**SB1231:
TECH CORRECTION; SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTABLISHMENT**

Minor change in Title 15 (Education) related to school district establishment. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Carter (R - Dist. 15)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate rules.

**SB1232:
TECH CORRECTION; COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Minor change in Title 15 (Education) related to school district boundaries. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Carter (R - Dist. 15)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate rules.

**SB1233:
TECH CORRECTION; COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN**

Minor change in Title 15 (Education) related to the college savings plan. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Carter (R - Dist. 15)

Status: 2/4 further referred to Senate higher ed-work dev.

**SB1234:
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE; RESTORATION**

The reductions in basic state aid and the reductions in charter additional assistance adopted in the FY2018-19 budget for FY2020-21 and FY2021-22 are eliminated.

First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R - Dist. 6)

Status: 2/13 passed Senate 30-0; 3/2 passed House Education Committee

**SB1253:
SCHOOLS; STATE MOTTO**

Statute allowing teachers and school administrators to read or post the state motto "Ditat Deus" is modified to remove the meaning "God enriches" from the authorization.

First sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D - Dist. 26)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate educ.

**SB1264:
SCHOOLS; COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE; INCREASE**

School attendance is mandatory for children if they are between 6 and 18 years of age (formerly, between 6 and 16) unless the child has obtain a high school diploma or G.E.D. or has graduated from a home school program.

First sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D - Dist. 26)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate educ.

**SB1265:
EMPLOYEES; SCHOOL CONFERENCES; LEAVE**

Employers are required to grant an employee school conference or activity leave of up to a total of 16 hours during any school year, not more than 4 hours of which may be taken during one day, to attend school conferences or activities related to the employee's child if a list of specified conditions applies.

First sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D - Dist. 26)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate com.

**SB1266:
POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS; SEXUAL CONSENT POLICIES**

Each public and private college, university and community college in Arizona is required to adopt policies to define consent to sexual activity that contain specified provisions.

First sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D - Dist. 26)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate higher ed-work dev, jud.

**SB1267:
SCHOOLS; IMMUNIZATION RATE; WEBSITE POSTING**

Each public school, including charter schools, that maintains a website is required to post on the website the immunization rate of students who are enrolled at that school.

First sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D - Dist. 26)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate educ.

**SB1269:
SCHOOL MEALS; WATER**

By July 1, 2021, each school district and charter school is required to provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times in the food service areas of each school.

First sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D - Dist. 26)

Status: 1/23 referred to Senate educ.

**SB1444:
SCHOOLS; EXCUSED ABSENCES; MENTAL HEALTH**

The Department of Education is required to identify an absence due to the mental or behavioral health of a pupil as an excused absence. The Department is authorized to adopt guidelines and rules for determining what constitutes an absence due to the mental or behavioral health of a pupil.

First sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18)

Status: 3/2 House educ. do pass; 1/30 referred to Senate educ.

SB1445:**SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING; SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

Every school counselor or school social worker training program in Arizona is required to develop or adopt evidence-based instruction on suicide awareness and prevention and provide that instruction to all school counselor and school social worker candidates in the training program.

First sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18)

Status: 3/4 assigned to House rules.

SB1448:**SCHOOLS; REQUIRED POSTING; ABUSE HOTLINE**

School district schools and charter schools are required to post in a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to students a sign that contains the telephone number of the centralized intake hotline concerning suspected abuse and neglect of children, instructions to call 911 for emergencies, and directions for accessing the website of the Department of Child Safety for more information.

First sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18)

Status: 2/27 transmit to House.

SB1503:**SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; PUPILS; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

A school employee, a substitute teacher or a volunteer serving in the capacity of a school employee is required to use only school technology to directly engage in electronic communications with a student who is currently enrolled in the school district or charter school and is required to engage in electronic communications with such a student only for purposes regarding academic and/or extracurricular activities. Some exceptions. School district governing boards and charter school governing bodies are required to prescribe and enforce policies and procedures for school employees on using electronic communications through school technology between school employees and students who are currently enrolled in the school district or charter school, and required provisions for those policies are listed. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Boyer (R - Dist. 20)

Status: 3/3 Senate passed 17-13; to House; 2/19 from Senate educ with amend #4310.

SB1664:**CIVIL LIABILITY; GUN FREE ZONES**

Holds a government entity liable for any damages claimed by a person who was harmed in a gun-free zone if they believe a firearm could have help defend against criminal conduct. Allows a court to award damages to a person who is harmed in a gun free zone if the following occurs: the criminal conduct is considered a terrorist attack, the person has a disability, the person is a minority, the person is over 65 years of age. Requires a government entity that establishes a gun free zone that is open to the public and prevents a customer, vendor or employee from exercising their right to self-protection to provide a level of protection from injury. Imposes strict liability for damages against a government entity that fails to provide the required protections from injury to its attendees. Removes the existing immunity for the operator of a public establishment or sponsor of a public event that requires people to place firearms in secure storage. Clarifies that a "gun free zone" does not include a location where firearms are prohibited by federal law or a correctional facility.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist. 14)

Status: 3/5 Senate third reading FAILED voting 13-16

**SCR1002:
EDUCATION; TPT; USE TAX**

The 2020 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to levy a separate 1 percent transaction privilege tax beginning July 1, 2021 for the purpose of raising revenues for education. The net revenues derived from the tax are appropriated as follows: 75 percent for primary and secondary classroom education purposes, 20 percent for maintaining an in-state tuition rate that is consistent with the state Constitutional requirement for tuition to be as nearly free as possible, and 5 percent for community college trade and workforce development programs.

First sponsor: Sen. Brophy McGee (R - Dist. 28)

Status: 1/28 Senate educ amended; report awaited.