



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **February 11, 2014**

TITLE: **Periodic Legislative Update**

BACKGROUND: This Item is presented to permit the Governing Board to review and discuss the status of education-related legislation which has been proposed in the second regular session of the 51st Arizona legislature this year.

On December 10, 2013, the Governing Board approved the following District Legislative Priorities for the 2014 Legislative Session(s):

1. Increase Funding for K-12 Education.
2. Restore Career Ladder Funding.
3. Maintain Desegregation Funding.
4. Provide Adequate Funding to Serve English Language Learners.
5. Establish a Reliable and Adequate Source of Funding for the School Facilities Board.
6. Provide User-friendly and Practical Reporting Requirements and Provide Funding Support for the Same.
7. Protect and Support Education Due Process Rights.

A summary of bills introduced in the Arizona House of Representative and the Senate follows and includes current status of those bills where available. In subsequent legislative updates, status updates on each bill will be provided. At this point, all bills to be presented have been. Absent “striker bills” (a.k.a. strike-everything amendments), there should be no further legislation affecting schools. Striker bills, however, have been recurring events in Arizona’s legislative process.

The proposed legislation is grouped together by the general topic.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the Board’s information only at this time. No action is required.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: February 7, 2014

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The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has not presented budget recommendations for FY 2015. Instead, the JLBC staff has made certain assumptions in developing a baseline budget for FY 2015 which assumes that almost all previous funding cuts and formula suspensions are permanent. Governor Brewer’s FY 2015 budget for school capital expenditures is summarized below along with the JLBC baseline assumptions.

Program	JLBC Baseline Assumptions	Governor’s Proposal
District Additional Assistance (DAA) and Charter Additional Assistance (CAA)	Continue the \$238,985,500* DAA reduction and the \$15,656,000 CAA reduction from FY 2014, and cap the DAA reduction for school districts with fewer than 1100 students at \$5 million.	Adjust formulas in statute to permanently reduce DAA and CAA to FY 2014 funding levels.
State Aid Rollover	Continue rollover at current level (roll \$930,727,700 of FY 2015 state aid into FY 2016), to be paid by 7/12/15. Only applies to school districts with more than 600 students.	Continue rollover at current level.
Inflation Adjustment	1.4% increase in base level, transportation funding levels and Charter Additional Assistance.	1.4% increase in base level, transportation funding levels and Charter Additional Assistance. Inflation adjustment would be offset by a \$15/pupil “fee” to support central broadband development.
Building Renewal	Continue \$16,667,900 appropriation for building renewal grants.	Continue \$16,667,900 appropriation for building renewal grants.
New School Facilities	\$858,200 for new construction (for Thatcher USD, the only eligible district).	\$858,200 for new construction (for Thatcher USD, the only eligible district).
State Equalization Tax Rate (Legislation not required)	Decrease the SETR from \$0.5123 to estimated \$0.4787 as required by Truth in Taxation, based on 9% increase in primary assessed valuation (7 % increase in existing property plus 2% increase in new property). Tax rate decrease = 0.0336 or 6.6%.	Rate not mentioned. Assumptions: 20% increase in primary assessed valuation (17.5 % increase in existing property plus 2.5% increase in new property).

**BILLS INTRODUCED
IN THE FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

Employee-Related Bills

HB 2017 ASRS; defined contribution plan

Reduces time limits related to the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) alternative retirement plan agreements and institutes time restrictions on an employer determining a retiree's plan coverage. Clarifies eligibility for members who are not covered by the State's 218 agreement.

Status: Ready for the House Committee of the Whole 1/28/14

HB 2018 ASRS; in service distributions

Makes changes to ASRS eligibility requirements for inactive members to receive pension benefits without terminating employment and requires ASRS to suspend pension benefits of members who return to employment within 30 days after retirement.

Status: Passed House Committee of the Whole 1/30/14

HB 2023

Requires (from permissible) the Fingerprint Division to conduct periodic state criminal history records checks for the purpose of updating the clearance status of current fingerprint clearance card holders and may notify the board of fingerprinting and the agency employing the person of the results of the records check.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Public Safety, Military and Regulatory Affairs, and Rules on 1/14.

HB 2050 ASRS membership; section 218 requirements

Eliminates the ASRS eligibility requirements that an employee must be covered by the state's 218 agreement, lists those individuals ineligible for membership, and repeals the defined contribution retirement plan for those members ineligible for the ASRS or the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS).

Status: Assigned to Committees on Insurance & Retirement (passed 1/28/14), and Rules.

HB 2058 public pensions; limit on compensation [see also HB 2212]

Limits the annual compensation that may be used to calculate a retiree's pension benefits. Redefines *termination incentive program* by reducing the total compensation that a member can receive before termination from 30% to 15%, if this amount is used to calculate pension benefits and is not attributed to a promotion. Defines *promotion* as a true change in position, job duties, and job title from the position occupied by the member prior to retirement.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Insurance & Retirement (passed 1/28/14), and Rules.

HB 2069 ASRS; political subdivision entities

Member definition clarified as not including any employee of a political subdivision who is hired on/after the effective date of section amendment.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Insurance & Retirement, and Rules.

HB 2122 ASRS; election; EORP defined contribution

Clarifies that an elected official who is a current or former member of the ASRS will maintain or resume membership within this system upon election, and makes changes to the Elected Officials' Defined Contribution Retirement System (EODCRS) Disability Program benefits.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Insurance & Retirement (passed 1/21/14), and Rules.

HB 2212 ASRS; employer termination incentive program

Revises ARS 38-749(D) to define *promotion* as a true change in position, job duties and job title from the position occupied by the member before ASRS retirement; and *termination incentive program* as a total

increase in compensation of fifteen (from thirty) per cent or more that is given to a member in any one or more years before termination that are used to calculate the member's average monthly compensation if that increase in compensation is used to calculate the member's retirement benefit and that increase in compensation is not attributed to a promotion.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Insurance & Retirement, and Rules.

HB 2049 retirement plans; compensation; definition

Clarifies the definition of *compensation* for the purposes of determining which types of pay count towards remitting contributions and calculating pension benefits.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Insurance & Retirement (failed 4-4 on 1/21/14), and Rules.

HB 2056 retirement; return to work

Prohibits an employer under ASRS, PSPRS or CORP from leasing or contracting a retired member to work.

Status: Not yet assigned to Committees.

HB 2235 labor; rest periods; meal breaks

Adds ARS 23-283 (meal breaks; rest periods; exemption) with provisions:

- Requires an employer to allow each employee to take at least:
 - one 30 minute meal break during every continuous 8 hours of labor performed.
 - one 10 minute rest period during every 4 hours of labor performed.
- Prohibits employers from deducting wages from the employee for the rest periods.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Commerce, and Rules.

HB 2252 state employees; meet and confer

Establishes state employees organizational rights. Prohibits state employees/organizations from participating in a sickout, work slowdown or strike or any other action that will disrupt the delivery of services. Defines *employee organization*.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government, and Rules.

HB 2255 noncertificated school employees; due process

Revises ARS 15-502 (employment of school district personnel; payment of wages of discharged employee) to require a governing board to adopt policies that provide noncertificated personnel with substantially equivalent due process procedures as those prescribed in this chapter for certificated teachers.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Government, and Rules.

HB 2290 schools; teacher inservice training

Adds ARS 15-509 (teacher in-service training; scheduling; definition) with provisions that:

- A school district that schedules teacher in-service training during a school year shall schedule the in-service training for both:
 - an entire school day; and
 - a Monday or a Friday.
- Defines *teacher in-service* training as time designated during the school year in which:
 - classes are not held; and
 - teachers are required to report to the school or another site for training, professional development, team-building exercises, meetings, lesson planning, and/or self-study.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education, and Rules.

HB 2306 fingerprint clearance checks; periodic checks

Allows the Fingerprinting Division to conduct periodic federal criminal history records checks when authorized by federal law in order to update the clearance status of current regular and Level I fingerprint clearance card holders.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Public Service, Military and Regulatory Affairs (passed 1/29/14), and Rules.

HCR2001 public retirement systems

House concurrent resolution permitting member contribution increases and/or member benefit reductions based on actuarial standards for public retirement system's financial stability.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Insurance and Retirement, and Rules.

SB 1084 ASRS; long-term disability compensation

Clarifies the definition of *monthly compensation* in the ASRS long-term disability statutes.

Status: Ready for the House Committee of the Whole 1/28/14

SB 1085 ASRS; long-term disability program

Bifurcates the benefit ratio for a member receiving long-term disability benefits in the ASRS.

Status: Passed the House Committee of the Whole 1/30/14; ready to transmit to the Senate

SB 1094 school employees; paycheck deductions; authorization

An emergency measure that prohibits third party deductions from school district employee paychecks without annual authorization.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment (held 1/27/14), and Rules

SB 1289 student teacher loan program; appropriation

Amends ARS 15-1782/1784 to permit loan eligibility to include students seeking a teaching degree after obtaining a bachelor's degree; loan amount increased from \$7K to \$10K.

Status: Not yet assigned to Committees.

SB 1399 teacher evaluator training; rules

February 7, 2014 Requires SBE to adopt rules for teacher evaluator training programs.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1443 employment discrimination; prohibition

Adds *gender, gender identity or expression* and *sexual orientation* to discriminatory employment practices; replaces sex with gender. Does not require employment/labor organization record maintenance to include information regarding a person's gender, gender identity or expression and sexual orientation.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment; and Rules.

SB 1451 public employees; collective bargaining

HB 2253 public employees; collective bargaining

Establishes a Public Employee Bargaining Act. Provides definition of terms and employee/employer rights. Sets forth: the powers, duties, and membership of local boards and employee labor relations board; prohibited practices; scope of bargaining; and procedures regarding hearings, elections, and dispute resolution.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment; and Rules.

Scholarships

HB 2036 empowerment scholarship accounts

Amends ARS 15-2401 (definitions) to include as a *qualified student* a state resident who parent was a first responder; the sibling of a current or previous empowerment scholarship account recipient; and who has not previously attended a governmental primary or secondary school but is currently eligible to enroll in a program for preschool children with disabilities in this state.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education, and Rules.

HB2150 empowerment scholarship; military families

Amends ARS 15-2401 (definitions) to include as a *qualified student* a state resident who parent/guardian is an active duty member of the US military; does not require student to have transferred from/or be eligible to attend a governmental primary or secondary school; previously participated in/be eligible for a scholarship program/received a scholarship

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education, and Rules.

HB 2256 empowerment scholarship; district pupils

Permits a District to vote to on allowing resident full-time students to apply for scholarship. District of residence includes student in ADM.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education, and Rules.

HB 2291 empowerment scholarships accounts; expansion

Amends ARS 15-2401 (definitions) to include as a *qualified student* a state resident a child who/whose:

- qualifies for free or reduced price lunches (beginning in SY 2016-2017 school year);
- whose family income exceeds by no more than 15% economic eligibility for free or reduced price lunches (beginning in SY 2017-2018 school year);
- family income exceeds by no more than 30% economic eligibility for free or reduced price lunches (beginning in the 2018-2019 school year);
- parent who is a first responder; and/or
- is the sibling of a current or previous empowerment scholarship account recipient.

Status: Not yet assigned to Committees.

SB 1236 empowerment scholarships accounts; expansion

Amends ARS 15-2401 (definitions) to include as a *qualified student* a state resident a child who/whose:

- qualifies for free or reduced price lunches (beginning in SY 2016-2017 school year);
- family income exceeds by no more than 15% economic eligibility for free or reduced price lunches (beginning in SY 2017-2018 school year);
- family income exceeds by no more than 30% economic eligibility for free or reduced price lunches (beginning in the 2018-2019 school year);
- parent who is a first responder; and/or
- is the sibling of a current or previous empowerment scholarship account recipient.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations and Rules

SB 1237 empowerment scholarship accounts; revisions

- Amends ARS 15-802 (school instruction; exceptions; violations; classification; definitions) to require that the DOE provide list of students participating (instead of copies of participant's contract) in empowerment scholarship accounts to the resident's county school superintendent;
- Amends ARS 15-2401 (definitions) to include as a *qualified student* a state resident who is currently eligible to attend kindergarten and who resides within the attendance boundary of a school that has been assigned a letter grade of D or F.
- Amends ARS 15-2402 (Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts; funds) to require parents of qualified students to use a portion of the quarterly account monies provide an education for the qualified student in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations and Rules

Charter/Private Schools/JTEDs

HB 2039 charter schools; higher education charters

Allows all charter schools to participate in the ASRS and all charter sponsors to include exceptions to financial and electronic data submission requirements in a school's charter, retroactive to June 30, 2013.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education (passed 1/20/14), and Rules

HB 2176 JTEDs; 9th graders; certification; funding

Funds ninth grade students enrolled in a Joint Technical Education District career and technical education program that leads to certification and acceptance in a vocation or industry.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations and Rules

HB 2230 charter schools; small school weight

States that charter school pupils are not eligible for small school district support level weights.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations and Rules

SB 1244 auditor general; charter schools

Amends ARS 41-1279.03 (powers and duties) to require the auditor general to include charter schools in required performance audits and monitoring.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment; Education, and Rules.

SB 1391 schools; noncertificated employees; fingerprinting

Charter school employees/volunteers are required to have fingerprint clearance.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

Finance/Budget

HB 2088 200-day calendar; funding [see also HB 2521]

Raises the amount a school district or charter holder using a 200-day calendar may increase its base level, from 5% to 8%.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation, and Rules.

HB 2180 appropriation; information technology; education; certification

Appropriates \$5million for the DOE for K-12 information technology education/certification program. Provides that DOE to annually report:

- The number of vendor contracts awarded;
- A list of participating school districts, charter schools and joint technical education districts.
- Performance data regarding the information technology education and certification program, including performance data regarding pupils participating in the program.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation, and Rules.

HB 2183 schools; excess carryforward monies; reduction

Revises ARS 15-943.01 (maintenance and operation budget balance; definition). If a school district's budget balance carryforward exceeds 3% of its revenue control limit for 3 consecutive fiscal years, the district's state aid allocations will be reduced by an amount that corresponds to the sum of the carryforward balance of that school district for those years.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education, and Rules.

HB 2184 schools; ending balances; tax reduction

Amends ARS 15-971 (determination of equalization assistance payments from county and state funds for school districts) to propose a reduction of the education equalization assistance amount); and ARS 15-972 (state limitation on homeowner property taxes; additional state aid to school districts; definitions). Provides calculation formulae for each.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education, and Rules.

HB 2187 classroom site fund; supplanting; restoration

Permits the auditor general to require the restoration of improperly supplanted classroom site funds.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education, and Rules.

HB 2213 schools; class size reduction grants

Enacts ARS 15-216 (class size reduction and teacher retention program; grants; appropriation; annual report; program termination). Directs SBE to establish a program to between 15 and 33 students/class in K-3; prescribe application/eligibility requirements for participating Districts. Appropriates \$1m for program grants (\$100,000 FY max); prohibits grants from funding District's capital projects.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations, and Rules.

HB 2219 tax credit; research activity; refunds

Amends ARS 41-1507 (tax credit for increased research activity; qualification for refund) to increase the amount available for research tax refunds from \$5 million to \$10 million for the 2015 calendar year; and to \$15 million for 2016 and beyond. Specifies that only half of total amount may be approved in first 6 months of a calendar year; during the second 6 month period, remaining refund amount may be allocated.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Commerce, and Rules.

HB 2229 block grant; early childhood education

Appropriates \$20 million for an early childhood education block grant.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations, and Rules.

HB 2238 ADE; appropriation; geographic literacy

Appropriates \$100,000 for a grant to a statewide geographic alliance for the purpose of strengthening geographic literacy.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations, and Rules.

HB 2259 state contracts; preference; Arizona businesses

Requires that state contract grant preference be given to Arizona-headquartered businesses.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government, and Rules.

HB 2328 STOs; grants; corporate tax credit

Modifies requirements for qualified students under Lexie's Law so that any student who is a prior qualified student who continues to attend a qualified school, is placed in foster care, or is identified as having a disability under relevant laws is eligible for the program.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Ways & Means (passed on 1/23/14), and Rules.

HB 2395 property tax calculations; school districts

Requires a county school superintendent to report primary and secondary property tax calculations to the Property Tax Oversight Commission (PTOC) and school district governing boards by July 10 and requires the PTOC to review, and correct if necessary, such estimates which are then reported to the County Board of Supervisors by the third Monday in August. Provides for a hearing before the PTOC if the PTOC notifies a school district of an incorrect calculation and the school district disputes the finding.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Ways & Means (passed on 1/23/14), and Rules.

HB 2413 schools; bonding level increase; repeal

Repeals the ineffective 2011 law that increased bond limits for school districts.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Ways & Means, and Rules.

HB 2428 appropriation; ADE; reading program grants

Appropriates \$500,000 to fund reading intensive programs. Grant awards:

- must be equal to \$500 per district/charter school who failed to meet grade level reading standards.
- Require the district/charter school to submit a review of its reading program to the DOE that includes:
 - types of evidence-based reading interventions that will be provided; and
 - the goals for the next 3-year period to reduce the number of third graders not promotable due to reading deficiencies.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations, and Rules.

HB 2478 tax credit; public schools

Increases school tax credits to \$300 (individual) and \$600 (married couples) for 2014 and beyond; modifies school tax credit reporting from February 28 to June 15.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Ways & Means; and Rules.

HB 2521 school calendar; 200 days; funding

Districts/Charters providing 200 instruction days may increase base level by 8 (from 5) percent. ADE must approve 200-day schedule by November 1.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations, and Rules.

HB 2543 appropriation; schools; mental health training

Appropriates \$250,000 in FY 14-15 for DOE's program expenses and District/Charter reimbursement "for programs that promote safe and supportive school environments and mental health, including programs for youth mental health first aid."

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation, and Rules.

HCR 2003 early childhood fund; protective services

Requires 25% of early childhood development funds to be used for children and families in the CPS program. SBE/DES to determine allocations.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Health; and Rules.

HCR 2018 funding ballot measures; reauthorization

Proposed constitutional amendment requiring initiatives and referendums that require the expenditure of state monies to be re-authorized every eight years. Applies retroactively to previous ballot measures. Requires periodic reports on the costs of each voter-protected measure.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Federalism & Fiscal Responsibility; and Rules.

HCR2022 personal property tax; exemption

Proposed constitutional amendment modifying the tax exemption for personal property used for agricultural, trade or business purposes. The current exemption threshold under which the legislature may exempt the property from taxation is a full cash value of \$50,000 adjusted annually for inflation. The proposed threshold is \$2.4 million annually adjusted for inflation, to apply to property acquired during or after tax year 2015.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Ways & Means (passed 1/27/14); and Rules.

SB 1028 appropriation; D and F schools

Appropriates \$40K for performance improvement of letter grade D or F schools.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations, and Rules.

SB 1030 solar school grant program

Creates a tax on the delivery of electricity for consumption to fund the following grant programs:

- State solar grants for solar education programs in schools that use solar technology
- Solar school grants for the installation of solar technology in schools

Requires school districts to prescribe and enforce policies and procedures to install solar technology and deposit revenues from net metering in the solar school fund, which may be transferred to M&O when all schools in all school districts have converted to solar technology.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations; Finance, and Rules.

SB 1048 tax credits; STOs; preapproval; entities

Permits shareholders of an S-Corporations to claim tax credits for contributions to school tuition organizations. Prohibits the award of grants or scholarships to students enrolled in multiple schools.

Status: Passed Senate Committee of the Whole on 1/30/14

SB 1092 school finance; funding system

Designates distribution of classroom site fund monies; establishes The Arizona K-12 education fund to be administered by the ADE

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Finance, and Rules.

SB 1101 appropriation; ADE; economic education grants

Appropriates \$150,000 to the ADE in FY 2015 for the purpose of providing professional development to teachers in economic education.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education (passed 1/30/14); Appropriations, and Rules.

SB 1144 appropriation; K-3 reading program

Appropriates \$40,000,000 to DOE to fund K-3 intervention and remedial reading strategies. Funds distribution based on number of district/charter school 3rd graders who are approaching or falling far below 3rd grade AIMS scores.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations, and Rules.

SB1169 tax credits; rate reductions; suspension

ARS 42-1301 (definition) revised to define a "trigger event" as a fiscal year in which:

- JLBC determines that state K-12 education expenditures per student are at least equal to the nationwide median; and/or
- 94% of 3rd graders are meeting AIMS reading tests; and/or
- the state high school graduation rate is 93%.

Until trigger event occurs,

- Class One property value assessment is 18.5% of its full cash value or limited valuation, as applicable; and
- Corporations, unless exempt, must pay the greater of 6% income or \$50.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Finance; and Rules.

SB 1182 school district overrides; bonds; information

For bond and override pamphlets, prohibits explanations and justifications from being included in purpose statements and limits them to pro arguments. For capital outlay overrides, changes the value of the home for the tax impact of projects from \$80,000 to a home with the average assessed valuation. Prohibits a school district from ordering a continuation of an existing override more than once before its expiration.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education (passed 1/30/14); Finance, and Rules.

SB 1257 school districts; budget requests; elections

- Revises override language:
 - *override to operating budget request or capital budget request*
 - *budget increase to budget request*
 - *budget override continuation to budget request continuation*
- Election dates changed from November to any general or special election date allowed for bonds, overrides; purchase or sale of school property lease or lease purchase agreements for 10 years or more; and construction of school buildings.

SB 1258 appropriation; ADE; K-3 reading intervention

Appropriates \$40,000,000 to DOE to fund K-3 intervention and remedial reading strategies. Funds distribution based on number of district/charter school 3rd graders who are approaching or falling far below 3rd grade AIMS scores.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation, and Rules.

SB1350 ADE school finance revisions

Revises ARS 15-101 (definitions):

- *student count* revised to *average daily membership*;
- *Elementary grades* means kindergarten programs and grades one through eight; and
- *Secondary grades* means grades nine through twelve.

Charters

- may use initial estimated student counts derived from student level data;
- State-sponsored 1st year charters are eligible for K-3 reading support level weight.

Requires preschool children with disabilities to meet 216 hours over a minimum number of days.

Finance:

- DOE ADM computation moved from April 15 to August 30; Schools count notification moved from April 22 to September 15; and
- Previous fiscal year State Aid calculations must be finalized/budget limits adjusted by November 1.

Transport:

- Clarifies that an eligible student who is transported part by contract/part by school may not be counted as more than one eligible student; and
- Adds that miles driven to transport eligible students may not be reported by more than 1 school district.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Finance, and Rules.

SB 1464 appropriations; ADE; ACCR standards

Appropriates \$32,000,000 to the ADE for District/Charters distribution to fund teacher stipends/professional development release time in state college and career ready standards.

- Monies distribution can only go to teachers who either provide:
 - K-8 classroom instruction; or
 - 9-12 classroom instruction in core academic subjects.
- Amount distributed to each teacher limited to:
 - 40 hours of professional development; and
 - no more than \$125 for each eight hours of professional development training.

Appropriates \$3m to ADE for additional staffing to implement program.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Appropriations; Education, and Rules.

Student Discipline

HB 2143 salvia divinorum; unlawful acts; defense

Creates ARS 13-3424 which makes it a class 2 misdemeanor to provide *salvia divinorum* [a psychoactive plant] to anyone under age 21.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

HB 2243 graffiti implements; unlawful acts; minors

In remedies available to court for graffiti damage, adds requirements for juvenile delinquent to:

- make full restitution for the economic loss incurred by the victim of the offense
- perform community restitution hours; community restitution may be ordered in lieu of a fine.
- Require custodial parents to make restitution if juvenile unable to do so
- Provide notice of the juvenile's adjudication to the department of transportation.

Defines: *economic loss*; *class 1 criminal damage*; unlawful possession of a graffiti implement by a minor.

Defines *graffiti implement* as including an aerosol or pressurized paint container, a broad tipped indelible marker, a solidified paint marker or an etching tool

Sets civil penalties for:

- minor illegally obtaining graffiti implements
- providing a minor with a graffiti implement
- storage and display of graffiti implements by businesses

Status: Assigned to Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

HB 2453 synthetic drugs; reporting

Expands of the definitions of *dangerous drug* and *narcotic drugs* by adding additional synthetic substances and eliminates a reporting requirement relating to the sale of precursor or regulated chemicals.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

HB 2515 unlawful distribution of private images

Creates ARS 13-1425 (unlawful distribution of images; state of nudity; classification; definition) which makes it a class 5 felony (or a class 4 felony if the depicted person is recognizable) to “knowingly disclose, display, distribute, publish, advertise or offer a photograph, videotape, film or digital recording or other reproduction of another person in a state of nudity or engaged in a sexual act without obtaining the written consent of the depicted person”. Does not apply to lawful law enforcement practices, medical treatment or voluntary exposure in a public/commercial setting.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

SB 1122 marijuana; definition

Modifies the definition of *marijuana* within the criminal code

Excludes, from the definition of *marijuana*, the Cannabis sativa L. plant, or any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 THC concentration of less than .3% on a dry weight basis.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Judiciary (held on 1/27/14); and Rules.

SB 1188 bullying; sexual orientation; gender identity

Revises ARS 15-341 (general powers and duties; immunity; delegation) to require a governing board to include “harassing, intimidating and bullying other pupils based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity” to its bullying policies/procedures.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment; and Rules.

SB 1349 schools; corporal punishment

Provides policies on corporal punishment [prohibited by Amphi policies].

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1373 schools; bullying policies; definition

Revises ARS 15-101 (definitions) to include:

- "Bullying" means any written, verbal or physical act or any electronic communication that is intended to harm or that a reasonable person would know is likely to harm one or more pupils by doing any of the following:
 - Substantially interfering with the educational opportunities, benefits or programs of one or more pupils.
 - Adversely affecting the ability of a pupil to participate in or benefit from educational programs or activities by placing the pupil in reasonable fear of physical harm or by causing substantial emotional distress.
 - Having an actual and substantial detrimental effect on a pupil's physical or mental health.
 - Causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of a school.
- Requires Charters to prescribe and enforce policies and procedures to prohibit pupils from harassing, intimidating and bullying other pupils.

Revises ARS 15-341 (general powers and duties; immunity; delegation) to require the District to include in its policies:

- Enforcement for bullying occurring off-campus if the alleged activity
 - is reported to school officials;
 - creates a hostile environment for the alleged victim at school,
 - infringes on the rights of the alleged victim at school or
 - materially and substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of the school.
- Bullying through electronic means
- A statement that all pupils are protected under these policies and that bullying is prohibited without regard to the subject matter of the bullying or the motivation of the perpetrator.
- Directs school administrators to notify the alleged:
 - victim’s parent of the activity:
 - in a manner that complies with FERPA; and
 - following consultation with available counselors “in the same manner as any other educationally relevant decision by considering the health, well-being and safety of any pupils involved in the incident.”
 - perpetrator’s parent per normal disciplinary notification.
- Includes victim’s parent in investigation disposition (previously just victim).
- Includes *emotional harm* to potential effects to victim.
- Requires annual training for school staff, students and parents to prevent, identify, report and respond to incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying .

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

Curriculum

HB 2144 school pupils; academic intervention

Revises ARS 15-341 (general powers and duties; immunity; delegation) to require a governing board to:

- maintain a confidential list of pupils with a grade-point average of 2.0 or lower on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent (beginning in SY 2016-2017);
- provide academic interventions to the pupils on the list until their grade-point average exceeds 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent; and
- determine the academic interventions.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Government, and Rules.

HB 2257 education; academic skills; prerequisites

- Directs SBE to annually publish:
 - a list of academic skills that a pupil should possess in order to be placed in a particular grade level, including kindergarten programs; and
 - a list of academic skills that a pupil should acquire by the end of a particular grade level, including kindergarten programs.
 - Lists must be provided to each AZ school district/charter school and posted:
 - in a prominent location at each school site; and
 - on the ADE website.
- Districts/charter schools directed to:
 - notify parents of the requirements; and
 - provide copies of the lists of academic skills to any person on request.
- Az Board of Regents directed to annually publish/post:
 - a list of academic skills that a student should possess and prerequisite courses that students should complete in order to be accepted for:
 - admission into a state community college or university; or
 - a particular postsecondary education program of study.

New statute would not alter the promotion or retention of students.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Higher Education & Workforce Development, and Rules.

HB 2265 computer science courses; math credit

Allows school district governing boards to approve a computer science course to fulfill a required math course and directs the Board of Regents to accept approved computer science courses for university admissions.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Higher Education & Workforce Development, and Rules.

HB 2315 schools; online instruction; concurrent students

Revises ARS 15-808 (Arizona online instruction; reports; definitions) to:

- Prohibit Districts/Charters from requiring online course receipts, as a condition of class credit acceptance, for current students taking online classes between May 1-July 31.
- Require Districts/Charters/Online Providers to:
 - Must release student transcripts within 10 days of request
 - Must accept elective/core credits earned
- If a student is enrolled for less than 75% of class time, online providers are not required to report a student's:
 - required standardized test score; or
 - participation (or lack of) participation on a required standardized test.
- Not require an Online Provider to withdraw a student if the student fails to take a required standardized test.
- If concurrently enrolled in online instruction and a homeschool, the homeschool is responsible for the administration of all standardized tests for a student.

Statute also sets forth noncompliance penalties.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

HB 2391 schools; test results; report date

Moves, from September to October, the deadline for the SBE to provide reports to schools on:

- average and range scores on the Arizona instrument to measure standards test;
- standardized test scores by subject area according to percentiles and stanines for the school, school district, county, state and nation;
- achievement related non-test indicator data collected in the surveys; and
- the numbers of students who have completed the academic standards at grades three, eight and twelve.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

HB 2501 promotion; ceremony; 8th grade

Removes a governing board's authority to request certificates of promotion from the county school superintendent and allows school districts to conduct eighth grade promotion ceremonies

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Government, and Rules.

SB 1065 Arizona twenty-first century initiative; priority

Requires that AZ businesses with 12 or fewer employees be given first preference for financial assistance under this program.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Commerce, Military & Energy; Government & Environment, and Rules.

SB 1025 study committee; individualized education programs

- Establishes the Individualized education program study committee to design a system to develop an individualized education program for every public school student.
- Non-compensable membership to consist of:
 - 4 certificated teachers who are members of a statewide labor organization composed of teachers;

- 4 charter school teachers;
- 2 public school administrators who are members of a statewide organization composed of school administrators; and
- 1 member who is a member of a statewide partnership devoted to education reform and innovation.
- Report regarding the committee’s recommendations due to the Governor no later than December 31, 2014.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation, and Rules.

SB 1107 schools; academic credit; online courses

For students concurrently enrolled fulltime in District/Charter Schools and taking classes online from an accredited postsecondary institution, Schools are required to accept the earned course credits earned if the student achieves a passing score on an end-of-course assessment administered by a provider other than the District, the Charter or the postsecondary institution. District Governing Boards may also determine whether concurrent online courses will be assigned as an elective or core credit.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

**SB 1153 schools; curricular standards; assessments; requirements
[Similar to SB 1310 - schools; common core; prohibition]**

Establishes ARS 15-701.02 (public school curricular standards and assessments) with the following provisions:

- SBE may not implement the common core standards in English and mathematics in AZ public schools until:
 - SBE holds at least one public hearing in each congressional district of this state; and
 - At least 1 SBE member must attend; and
 - Public testimony will be heard at each hearing on the implementation of the common core standards.
 - SBE receives an analysis of the projected cost of implementing of the common core standards
- ADE is directed to contract with an independent entity with expertise in the development, implementation and assessment of curricular standards to conduct the fiscal analysis.
- SBE:
 - must compare the common core standards to other nationally recognized standards of student achievement.
 - may not:
 - adopt/revise curricular standards “in a manner that would effectively implement the common core standards” until the requirements set forth (above) have been met.
 - adopt common core standards in curricular areas other than English and mathematics.

Requires AZ to:

- withdraw from the partnership for assessment of readiness for college and careers;
 - may not implement the assessments aligned to the common core standards by that partnership
- adopt and implement different assessments that provide valid, reliable and timely testing of student performance.
- Prohibits SBE to enter into or renew an agreement that cedes to an outside entity control over AZ curricular standards or assessments

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1155 schools; common core; opt-out

Permits District/Charter governing bodies to opt out of any competency requirements or assessments that are based on the common core standards, AZ’s College and Career Ready Standards or any other standards or assessments that are aligned with standards or assessments proposed by the partnership for assessment of readiness for college and careers.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1162 schools; CPR instruction

Revises ARS 15-718.01 regarding Districts/Charters providing CPR to students:

- CPR instruction is a requirement (versus permissible) if funds are available at no cost;
- Removes access to CPR instruction to 7th and 8th grade students
- Excuses a student from CPR training if a school administrator determines the student is unable to complete the training.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations, and Rules.

SB1242 critical languages; economic development; pilot

Authorizes SBE to establish a 6-year pilot program to develop and implement critical language courses; may use paraprofessionals to are native or heritage speakers; *Critical languages* defined as those languages described in the national security language initiative, including Chinese, Russian, French, Spanish, Japanese, Arabic and Portuguese. *Native or heritage speakers* means either persons who were born in a country where the critical language is the primary spoken language or persons whose parents were born in a country where the critical language is the primary spoken language.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriations

SB 1261 sex education; parental opt-out

Permits a parent to opt out of sex education for student.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

Safety

HB 2362 DPS; school bus rules oversight

Sets forth methods to provide written notice to persons on the school bus advisory council's mailing list.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Transportation; and Rules.

HB 2412 firearms; schools; safety designee program

Establishes an *optional school safety designee program* to provide training to a person authorized to store a firearm on the school campus for the purpose of defending that school campus. Sets forth program training requirements.

Status: Not yet assigned to House Committees.

SB 1079 epinephrine auto-injectors; authorized use; entities

Sets forth definitions regarding the use of epinephrine; who may administer the medication, and the training necessary to be qualified for its administration.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Health & Human Services; Government & Environment, and Rules.

SB 1163 texting while driving; transportation vehicles

Prohibits commercial drivers from using a mobile phone for conversation or texting; does not apply to use of 911 service.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Transportation; Public Safety

School Operation

HB 2316 schools; local control; student privacy

- Prohibits SBE/ADE from:
 - adopting any federally mandated educational standards, curricula or instructional approaches;

- applying for any federal grant that requires, as a condition of application, the adoption of any federally developed educational standards, curricula or instructional approaches.
- ADE may provide guidance and technical assistance to schools, but may not require the adoption of specific curricula or instructional approaches.
- Requires:
 - “transparent public rulemaking process” to make changes to the state academic standards
 - student data collection to be designed to protect student/family privacy
 - standardized test subject matter to comply with “generally accepted moral, civic and ethical values.”

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

HB 2317 sales tax holiday; school supplies

Exempts any purchases of clothing and school supply under \$100 from transaction privilege tax and use tax on the final Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of July.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education (withdrawn 1/28/14); Ways & Means (discussed and held on 2/3), and Rules

HB 2319 school boards; nonprofit organizations; formation

Allows a school district governing board to assist in the legal formation of nonprofit organizations that promote the educational mission of the school district.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education (held on 2/3/14); and Rules.

HB2333 medical marijuana fund; education; intervention

SB1389 medical marijuana fund; education programs

Permits monies in the medical marijuana fund to be used to provide grants to local police departments to provide high school SROs for drug education and intervention services.

Status: Assigned to Committees on

HB 2438 schools; transporting district conversion

Allows a school district with less than 100 students enrolled for 3 years may petition to transport its students to another district.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

HB 2440 gambling; raffle management; sales; operations

Provides that a state agency may participate directly or indirectly in the management, sales or operation of a raffle if the net proceeds of the raffle will return to the state agency or one of the agency's programs.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

HB 2448 technical correction; legal opinions; schools

In Legal Opinions relating to school matters, the opinion of the attorney general shall prevail over that of the county attorney's opinion.

Status: Not yet assigned to Committees.

HB2485 technology-based language development software

Directs SBE to issue a RFP for K-6 ELL students for language development and literacy software; establishes required criteria and assessments

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation, and Rules.

HB 2488 school bus routes mileage; violations

State aid may be withheld from any School District who violates travel regulations regarding eligible nonresident pupils who are eligible to receive free/reduced price lunches.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

HB 2497/HB 2502

Proposes designating the fourth Monday in March, "Cesar Chavez Day".

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Government, and Rules.

HB 2539 task force; physical education

Establishes a task force on best practices in physical education and behavior management; membership criteria; review, consideration and adoption of task force recommendations.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

HB 2555 approved online courses; master list

- Directs ADE to review all online course content for:
 - adherence to state standards,
 - courses that have state standards, and
 - issue a recommendation for approval or denial SBE/Charters for action.
- Requires SBE to adopt/maintain a master rubric for online courses by 12/15/14
- In SY 15-16 AND 16-17 ADE must limit online courses to those that award potential college credits and core academic courses.
- Beginning in school year 16-17, ADE may permit specified elective courses.
- Online courses must be a semester course that does not require a specified:
 - amount of time for daily instruction; or
 - total amount of time for completion of the course.
- DOE shall maintain and prominently display a master list of approved online courses on its website.
 - Courses offered prior to 7/1/15 will be approved for SY 15-16 through 20-21.
 - Fees may be charged to online course providers that submit applications for inclusion on the master list of approved online courses.
 - ADE will pay course cost to provider
 - Max cost is equivalent to 1/12 of the statewide average per student funding during prior FY
 - If courses cause a student to exceed a District's full-time credit load, state may not pay cost.

Status: Not yet assigned to Committees.

HCR 2013 state board of education; elected members

Adds 3 laymembers to the composition of the SBE

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1318 study committee; K-12 master plan

Establishes the K-12 education master plan legislative study committee and its membership. Duties include:

- Develop recommendations for programs that will address the goals of the governor's Arizona ready education council, including dropout prevention, early literacy and increased high school graduation rates;
- Develop recommendations that address teacher compensation/retention;
- Create a draft state K-12 education master plan; and
- Develop recommendations for improvements to the school funding formula.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1049 duty to report abuse; records

Allows, instead of requires, a school to maintain a written record of an abuse incident.

Status: Ready for the House Committee of the Whole 2/3/14

SB 1114 schools; compulsory attendance age; increase

- Increases minimum age required to take GED from age 16 to 18;
- Increases from 16 to 18 the maximum age required to attend school;
- Excuses a student under 18 from school attendance upon meeting grade 12 completion requirements;

- To excuse a working child from school, the student must be at least aged 16 (from 14)
Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.
- SB 1115 seat belts; school buses**
 Requires school buses bought in AZ to be equipped with lap belts as of 1/1/15.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation; Transportation, and Rules.
- SB 1121 high school graduation; tests; moratorium**
 Sets a temporary moratorium on administration of standardized tests for high school graduation for SY 2014-2015, 2015-2016; and 2016-2017.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.
- SB 1156 prohibited electronic data; metadata collection**
 Prohibits state and local agencies, including corporations providing services on their behalf, from providing certain types of assistance to federal agencies if those agencies claim the power to collect electronic data or metadata without a warrant.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment; and Rules.
- SB 1372 schools; sex education**
 Requires all Districts to provide sex education that is medically accurate and comprehensive; defines terms. DOE will provide assistance upon request. Provides for parent opt-out.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.
- SB 1377 schools; vision screening programs**
 Child Hearing Programs is revised to *Child Hearing and Vision Programs*. Definitions revised to include vision evaluations and definition.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Health & Human Services; Appropriations, and Rules.
- SB 1191 character education study committee**
 Establishes a joint legislation study committee on character education.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Government & Environment, and Rules.
- SB 1199 school board members; school employment**
 Prohibits a governing board from District employment for 24 months after leaving office.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.
- SB 1226 fingerprint clearance cards; human trafficking**
 Expands the list of crimes prohibiting an individual from obtaining a fingerprint clearance card to include human trafficking.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Public Safety; and Rules.
- SB 1238 electronic records; state library**
 Expands State archives to include electronic records; establishes an electronic records repository fund.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Appropriation; Government & Environment, and Rules.
- SB 1288 school letter classification; science scores**
 SBE directed to separately compute the percentage of pupils who meet or exceed the standard on the science portion of AIMS; it may add a plus symbol to the letter grade assigned if sufficient numbers of the students meet or exceed the standard on the science portion.
Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules
- SB1395 schools; competency requirements; assessments; optional**

Permits a District/Charter to opt out of any competency requirements or instrument to measure standards test and:

- are not subject to any financial penalty; and
- must administer an annual assessment to measure the extent to which students have met the adopted academic standards.

Removes *AIMS intervention*, defines *Instrument to Measure Standards test intervention*.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules

SB1396 schools; competency requirements; assessments

Districts/Charters:

- must adopt and submit a course of study incorporating academic standards that meet or exceed the standards adopted by the state board of education for use during or after the 1998-1999 school year.
- must annually implement an instrument to measure standards test in reading, writing and mathematics in at least four Board-designated grades;
- may administer assessments in social studies and science
- may not require students to meet/exceed those standards

Failure to adopt/submit standards face financial penalty

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules

SB 1398 school accountability pilot program

Establishes a competitive application process for a 5-year school accountability pilot program

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules

SB 1466 smart school technology pilot program

Establishes a 3-year smart school technology pilot program to encourage the deployment of whole-school technology in public schools. Appropriates \$5m for ADE technology/program grants.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation, and Rules

SCR 1013 superintendent of public instruction; appointment

Removes the Superintendent of Public Instruction from the State's Executive Department; Governor to appoint to position

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment; and Rules

Buildings/Property

SB 1066 green public schools task force

Establishes a green public schools task force to make recommendations for a model green cleaning policy and a system to ensure that existing schools are retrofitted and new schools are constructed to promote energy efficiency and sustainability.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Government & Environment, and Rules.

SB 1072 energy conservation; school buildings

By 12/31/15, requires school districts to adopt a green cleaning policy and purchase and use environmentally sensitive cleaning products, unless it would increase their cleaning costs. By 7/1/19, requires school districts to purchase at least 10% of their energy requirements from "green" sources such as solar, wind, landfill gas and low-impact hydroelectric generation. Establishes a loan program for energy and water conservation projects. Establishes a green public schools task force to make recommendations for a model green cleaning policy and a system to ensure that existing schools are retrofitted and new schools are constructed to promote energy efficiency and sustainability.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Appropriation, and Rules.

SB 1074 energy conservation; public buildings

By 7/1/19, requires school districts to purchase at least 10% of their energy requirements from “green” sources such as solar, wind, landfill gas and low-impact hydroelectric generation.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment; Appropriations, and Rules.

SB 1100 schools; unused or underused buildings

Establishes numerous requirements related to vacant and “underused” school buildings, including:

- Requires school buildings that were vacant in FY 2013 and buildings operating at less than 50% of the SFB capacity in FY 2012 and FY 2013 to be sold or leased to a charter school or private school. After one year, if no school makes an offer, a vacant building must be sold to the highest bidder.
- Requires school districts to sell or lease a building or part of a building that has been unused for two consecutive years to the lessee or the purchaser of the district’s choice, if a charter school or private school notifies the district of its desire to lease or purchase the building.
- Prohibits a school district from leasing a vacant school building to itself or an entity affiliated with that school district.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1102 school facilities board revisions

Requires school districts to:

- annually submit the following for the SFB building data base: major repairs; replacement of building systems or equipment; buildings that have been closed, leased to another entity, or operate as a charter school.
- pay for the costs associated with the conversion of school space to administrative use and the cost of subsequent maintenance and replacement of that space.

Requires the SFB to adjust the age of significantly upgraded buildings in the data base using a prescribed method.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education (passed 1/30/14); Appropriations, and Rules.

SB 1123 property; liability; schools; recreational users

Specifies that students who are registered at a school and who are in transit to or from the school are not considered recreational users of school grounds.

Status: Ready for House Committee of the Whole

School Elections

SB 1287 schools; ballot language; review

Adds language to ARS 15-481 (override election; budget increases; notice; ballot; effect) that:

- Proposed ballot language is deemed approved by the Director of the Arizona legislative council if District does not receive objections within 15 calendar days of submission;
- 80 days before the election, District must notify County School Superintendent of ballot language approval;
 - If letter not submitted, ballot language will not appear on ballot.
- Unapproved language will void election results.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1293 publicity pamphlets; disclosure

Requires inclusion of estimated tax impacts in publicity pamphlets for municipal, county and special taxing district bond elections. Modifies the form of required informational reports for school budget override elections as well as the informational pamphlet required for bond elections in any state political subdivision.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Government & Environment (passed 2/3/14); and Rules.

SB 1254 election dates; school bonds; overrides

Limits school district elections for the following purposes to even-numbered years: bonds, overrides, purchase or sale of school property, lease or lease purchase agreements for 10 years or more, and construction of school buildings.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

Child Welfare

SB1016schools; suicide prevention training

By 1/1/15, the SBE is directed to

- develop suicide awareness and prevention training materials; and
- Require public school personnel to receive training:
 - at least 2 hours of training (beginning in the 2015-2016 school year);
 - within 12 months of new employees initial hiring date and every 5 years.

Specifies that the training does not impose any specific duty of care.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; and Rules.

SB 1256 children; reporting; criminal conduct

Revises definitions regarding child welfare:

- Expands *criminal conduct allegation* to include allegations of conduct by a relative of a child, including siblings and step-siblings, or any other person who visits or resides in the child's home, including those in which the alleged perpetrator is a minor
- Expands list of *reportable offenses* to include abandonment; “surreptitious photographing, videotaping, filming or digitally recording/viewing a minor”; child prostitution; and incest.

Status Assigned to Committees on Health and Human Services; Public Safety and Rules on 1/30

SB 1018 high schools; nutrition standards

By 7/1/15 DOE directed to develop nutrition standards for high schools (grades 9-12):

- Must meet, but may exceed, federal guidelines for normal school day nutrition
- May include guidelines regarding portion size, minimum nutrient values, contents listings
- For items sold on school grounds during normal school day
 - Food that must meet nutrition standards:
 - Culinary Arts program food/beverages
 - Food program *a la carte* items
 - Vending machines, snack bars, stores and kiosks
 - Beverage choices must include
 - Water
 - 100% fruit or vegetable juice drinks
 - Isotonic beverages [drinks containing similar amounts of salt and sugar as human body]
 - Low-fat milk
 - Beverage choices limited to no more than 50% availability include:
 - diet/unsweetened teas
 - 0-calorie carbonated drinks;
 - sports drinks [hypertonic drinks, or those containing more sugar than human body]
 - juice drinks with less than 50% juice.

As of 7/15/15

- school vending machine capacity may contain no more than 50% of above
- All other foods of “minimal nutritional value” on campuses are prohibited
- Allows any food/beverage item to be sold
 - in fund-raisers off-campus for off-campus consumption; or

- to adults.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Education; Government, and Rules.

SCR 1003 **initiatives; referendum measures; periodic reauthorization**

Proposed constitutional amendment requiring initiatives and referendums that require the expenditure of public monies or affect State general fund revenues or expenditures to be re-authorized every eight years. Applies retroactively to previous ballot measures approved after 11/3/1998. Requires a financial and performance audit and analysis and policy evaluation of each measure in the year before a reauthorization vote takes place, which must be made available to voters. The evaluation shall include a recommendation by the Auditor General on whether the measure should be reauthorized.

Status: Assigned to Committees on Elections; and Rules.