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# Legislative Update



# Record-breaking year

- ▶ Most total bills since 2009 - 963 total
- ▶ 588 House bills - third highest ever (1979 and 2009)
- ▶ Crossover scheduled for Feb. 22
- ▶ House needs to average over 30 bills a day

# Legislative Deadlines

- February 22: Crossover
- February 25-26: Recess
- April 26: 80 Days

# TOP ISSUES

# Finance & Tax

- ▶ Distribution formula variations
- ▶ Common schools trust fund- the state's constitutional obligation
- ▶ Property tax limits
- ▶ Tax credits for nonpublic or home education (HB 1321)
- ▶ Voter approval of preliminary budgets (HB 1379)
- ▶ City sales tax (HB 1437)
- ▶ Bid thresholds and cooperative purchases (HB 1454)
- ▶ Construction grant programs
- ▶ State aid - SB 2265

# Instructional Time & Content

- ▶ Instructional time - HB 1346, SB 2229
- ▶ Content
  - ▶ HB 1237 - child sexual abuse
  - ▶ HB 1277 - medically accurate sexual abuse education
  - ▶ SB 2149 - suicide prevention
  - ▶ SB 2157 - driver's ed
  - ▶ SB 2299 - patriotic societies

# Safety

- ▶ HB 1262 - Crisis hotline
- ▶ Gun bills - HB 1310, HB 1325, SB 2034
- ▶ SB 2052 - Safety mills and open records exemption
- ▶ SB 2181 - Cyberbullying
- ▶ SB 2209 - open records exemption
- ▶ HB 1332 - armed first responder

# Transportation

- ▶ HB 1098 - Federal training requirement in 2021
- ▶ HB 1385 - Mandatory safety training - defensive driving
- ▶ HB 1369 - Payments for bus driver physicals



# Elections/School Board Members

- ▶ HB1501 - Suspension of a board member
- ▶ SB 2230 - prohibition of certain individuals from serving on school boards

# Mental and Behavioral Health

- ▶ HB 1249 - PD day for behavioral health
- ▶ HB 1260 - Mental injury mandatory reporting
- ▶ SB 2266 - Restraint and seclusion
- ▶ SCR 4004 - Study of violent, disruptive and inappropriate behavior

# Early Childhood Education

- ▶ HB 1104 - transfer to DPI
- ▶ SB 2250 - require public schools to provide early childhood education services
  - ▶ Included funding
  - ▶ Hoghoused into grants for early childhood education

# Teacher Licenses & Contracts

- ▶ HB 1287 - initial license for American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence
- ▶ HB 1531 - community expert licenses
- ▶ SB 2126 - foreign practitioners
- ▶ SB 2127 - military dependent licenses
- ▶ SB 2199 - licenses for disabled individuals
- ▶ SB 2316 - drivers ed
- ▶ HB 1347 - 3 year probationary periods
- ▶ HB 1414 - 14 to 30 days

# Miscellaneous

- ▶ HB 1335 - Dress code
- ▶ HB 1434 - dissolution of districts
- ▶ HB 1464 - school choice study
- ▶ SB 2025 - strategic plan review
- ▶ HCR 3011 - study of education code

# Bill Graveyard

- ▶ Drug testing - SB 2310 and SB 2337
- ▶ HB 1170 - Virtual weather makeup days
- ▶ HB 1416 - teacher pd conferences
- ▶ HB 1538 - strengths and weaknesses of scientific theories
- ▶ SB 2136 - Bible bill
- ▶ HB 1317 - liability for injury or death
- ▶ HB 1182 - limits on taxable valuation
- ▶ HB 1208 - teacher reimbursement program
- ▶ HB 1390 - levy and valuation limits
- ▶ SB 2311 - recall of elected officials
- ▶ SB 2166 - liability limits or tort caps
- ▶ HB 1228 - super-sized local control



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**THANK YOU!**

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