

OPI Priority Legislation



1. **A Promise is a Promise:** Base Aid requirements to fund Public Schools-this is in the Governor's budget
2. **Teacher Dollars Working for Teachers:** Teacher Licensing fees supporting the teacher licensing system-this is in the Governor's budget
3. **Updating Audiology Equipment:** one-time-only funding-this is in the Governor's budget
4. **Student Mental Health:** Amending mental health tuition payments to allow tuition for any residential mental health-currently working with DPHHS

Further OPI Legislation

Family

1. Immunity for use of a legal name
2. Montana Interstate Children's Compact Commission Permanent Position
3. Identify violation of sexuality instruction statute as a gross neglect of duty
4. Empower families through local grievance process
5. Digital pre-K learning for kindergarten entrance

Teacher

1. Consolidate licenses to three types: teacher, administrator, and specialist
2. Require current contact information for licensees and applicants, and allow service of process via mail
3. Expand Teach Act
4. Move to 8 years in teacher retirement with sunset
5. Continue Teacher Residency program

Flexibility

1. State-tribal education compact
2. OPI approval of textbook content
3. Access to telework employees
4. Apply open meeting laws to associations composed of public bodies
5. Return Perkins financial control to OPI
6. Expand choice for local schools
7. Flexible teacher retirement and reemployment
8. Career coaches

Elections

1. Move school elections to the primary election date