



## SAM Legislative Update

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<a href="#">HB 2</a>	Llew Jones(R) HD 18	02/02/23 - Hearing 02/02/23 - Hearing 02/01/23 - Hearing	9:00AM 01/30/2023 House Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Transportation Hearing Room 317C	1-School Funding	Neutral

**General Appropriations Act**

1/7/2023 - CAMPS will watch this bill. We have provided legislators with the OPI Audit completed in 2022 as well as some key questions to ask during the OPI presentation. Of note in the OPI Budget is a transfer of money from OPI to DPHHS for transfer of CSCT management. Of note in the audit is a question about ESSER accountability, specifically for the hold back of ESSER funds.

1/7/2023 - OPI Financial Audit, Released summer 2022, FY 20 & 21:

<https://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Administration/audit/2021-22/Meetings/June-2022/21-19.pdf>

1/7/2023 - OPI Proposed Budget:

<https://leg.mt.gov/content/Publications/fiscal/2025-Biennium/2025-Biennium-Budget-Analysis/Section-E/OPI-Budget-Analysis-25Bien.pdf>

1/3/2023 - "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025"

<a href="#">HB 332</a>	David Bedey(R) HD 86	01/30/23 - Hearing 01/27/23 - First Reading 01/27/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically	3:00PM 01/30/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	1-School Funding	Support
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**Generally revise laws related to school employee health benefits**

1/28/2023 - Call to Action: Contact the committee, email sent to SAMLN23

Email: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/15QjZhqC05-ZAIU3\\_I5TYo9CeEkd9xKJ/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15QjZhqC05-ZAIU3_I5TYo9CeEkd9xKJ/view?usp=share_link)

1/24/2023 - Press release from CAMPS in preparation for Day of Advocacy: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTTY0T5OIDAEf\\_eum349hoftP2iUYRM2\\_wD-bXefPSgZ4pBUeNnRRvEUu4DbLXcA/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTTY0T5OIDAEf_eum349hoftP2iUYRM2_wD-bXefPSgZ4pBUeNnRRvEUu4DbLXcA/pub)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTTY0T5OIDAEf\\_eum349hoftP2iUYRM2\\_wD-bXefPSgZ4pBUeNnRRvEUu4DbLXcA/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTTY0T5OIDAEf_eum349hoftP2iUYRM2_wD-bXefPSgZ4pBUeNnRRvEUu4DbLXcA/pub)

1/24/2023 - Talking points from CAMPS: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AeQXm92YxOveMIOIY9jYFt9EAABHUHAw/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AeQXm92YxOveMIOIY9jYFt9EAABHUHAw/view?usp=share_link)

1/24/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH INSURANCE LAWS; PROVIDING INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN A QUALIFYING DISTRICT HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST; REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO QUALIFY A DISTRICT HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST THAT MEETS SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS; SPECIFYING PROCESSES IN THE CASE OF DISSOLUTION; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING FOR A MONEY TRANSFER



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<a href="#">HB 15</a>	David Bedey(R) HD 86	01/30/23 - Hearing 01/25/23 - First Reading 01/25/23 - Referred to Committee	3:00PM 01/30/2023 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	1-School Funding	Support

#### Implement K-12 Inflation

1/11/2023 - EA: Questions about amount and length of time. Motion passes.

1/7/2023 - Bill provides 2.7% in FY24 and 3.0% in FY25. CAMPS will support this bill, with a mention that inflation is currently higher than 3% and budget surplus. Doug will provide testimony on behalf of CAMPS. Testimony here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Rj9wq0wIOz-KCe7iIGFO8SnTJcyix9IF/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108640981809976839399&rtopf=true&sd=true>

1/6/2023 - This inflationary bill provides 2.7% in FY24 and 3.0% in FY25.

12/31/2022 - An act applying inflationary adjustments to school funding formula components; amending section 20-9-306, MCA; and providing an effective date and an applicability date.

<a href="#">HB 3</a>	Llew Jones(R) HD 18	01/03/23 - Hearing 01/03/23 - Amendments Available 01/02/23 - First Reading		1-School Funding	Support
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#### Supplemental Appropriations Bill

1/3/2023 - OPI requesting \$86K. Use of funds as described from OPI representative - The \$86K is for the National Board Certification program (20-4-134, MCA). OPI has a biennial appropriation of \$150k which we expended \$97k of that in FY2022 so we will need a supplemental to cover distributions over the appropriation for FY2023. As an FYI, in our Executive Budget we also have a request to increase the appropriation as participation has increased over the past couple of years. SAM supports the funding for NBCT incentive program. The bill was also supported by CAMPS during public testimony on 1/3

1/2/2023 - AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

<a href="#">HB 257</a>	Courtenay Sprunger(R) HD 7	01/23/23 - Hearing 01/17/23 - First Reading 01/17/23 - Referred to Committee		1-School Funding	Support
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#### Revise education laws related to advanced opportunities program

12/31/2022 - An act expanding personalized opportunities for students to accelerate their career and college readiness and reduce out-of-pocket costs for families; empowering students to actively engage in forming successful postsecondary pathways.



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<a href="#">LC0477</a>	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	09/29/22 - Draft On Hold 09/19/22 - Draft Request Received		1-School Funding	Watch
Revise school health insurance laws					
<a href="#">HB 23</a>	Mark Thane(D) HD 99	01/24/23 - Tabled in Committee 01/19/23 - Hearing 01/18/23 - Amendments Available		2-Privatization with Public Funds	Neutral
Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits					
1/7/2023 - Changes the donation limit from \$200K to \$2000. While the concept of this bill is good - would provide more districts opportunity to participate - it is unlikely that there will be any support from legislators for such a large change in the donation amount. CAMPS will watch and not testify.					
12/31/2022 - AN ACT REVISING THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT FOR THE INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM CREDIT AND THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION CREDIT					
<a href="#">HB 126</a>	Fred Anderson(R) HD 20	01/24/23 - Bill Withdrawn per House Rule H30-50(3)(b) 01/16/23 - Hearing Canceled 01/10/23 - Hearing Canceled		2-Privatization with Public Funds	No Position
Generally revise laws related to Montana facility finance authority					
1/9/2023 - Basically the bill extends the availability of tax advantaged bonds to private parochial K-12 schools. Note from Montana Facility Finance Authority: The US Supreme Court ruling that caused the proposed change is Carson v. Makin. CAMPS will monitor this bill as it appears the process of providing access to these state bonds is protected by recent supreme court case.					
1/7/2023 - Concern that this bill would allow private schools to access low cost (state supported) bonds. See how bill defines an Educational Provider.					
1/7/2023 - AN ACT REVISING DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LAWS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO LOW-COST CAPITAL TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ENTITIES; UPDATING PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC HEARINGS; AMENDING THE BOND ISSUANCE CAP ON THE MONTANA FACILITY FINANCE AUTHORITY; REVISING DEFINITIONS					
<a href="#">LC0518</a>	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	01/25/23 - Draft in Legal Review 09/26/22 - Draft Request Received		2-Privatization with Public Funds	Watch
Authorize establishment of community choice schools					



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<a href="#">SB 118</a>	John Fuller(R) SD 4	01/04/23 - First Reading 01/04/23 - Referred to Committee 01/04/23 - Fiscal Note Requested		2-Privatization with Public Funds	Watch
<p>Revise aggregate limit on education scholarship tax credit programs</p> <p>1/7/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND THE INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; REVISING THE AGGREGATE LIMIT OF CREDITS UNDER THE PROGRAMS; REPEALING THE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND THE INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM</p> <p>This bill increases the overall program limit for this program each year for the next three years. Keeps the limit for individual taxpayer at \$200K. Cross reference HB 23.</p>					
<a href="#">SB 70</a>	Shannon O'Brien(D) SD 46	01/27/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended 01/27/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended 01/23/23 - Hearing		3-Recruitment & Retention	Support
<p>Revise the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program</p> <p>1/23/2023 - Dennis will support for CAMPS, but will point out some concerns with the fiscal note : SB70 but will take issue with the assumptions in the fiscal note for the 2nd year of the biennium that there will continue to be a 10% increase in usage. Once the initial increase has occurred in the first year there is no evidence that the number or percentage of new positions will increase by 10% each year thereafter. I will suggest that 5% increase is more reasonable thus cutting the projected state budget increase in half.</p> <p>1/11/2023 - EA in committee: No action taken, postponed til Monday. One Senator had concern that there were a few Senators absent. Another Senator showed up so they reopened EA on this bill. Sen. Fuller voiced concern about tax-payer subsidy about forgiving student loan. Leg. Staff showed OPI Map regarding qualified schools. Sen. Emrich questioned the effectiveness of the program. Questioned if it would actually encourage teachers to go to rural schools. Bill passed.</p> <p>1/7/2023 - This bill removes some requirements for rural districts to make it easier to qualify for the loan assistance program. Many districts were not using this option as it was difficult to justify some requirements. This should help all rural districts access this program for their staff. CAMPS will support this bill.</p> <p>1/1/2023 - AN ACT REVISING THE QUALITY EDUCATOR LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; REMOVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUALIFYING EDUCATOR TO BE TEACHING IN A CRITICAL QUALITY EDUCATOR SHORTAGE AREA; REVISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REQUEST A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IF NECESSARY TO FULLY FUND THE PROGRAM</p>					
<a href="#">HB 171</a>	David Bedey(R) HD 86	01/30/23 - Hearing 01/26/23 - Rereferred to Committee 01/26/23 - 2nd Reading Passed	3:00PM 01/30/2023 House Appropriations Hearing Room 102	4-Mental Health	Watch
<p>Revise education laws related to residential treatment facilities</p> <p>1/11/2023 - Hearing notes: No fiscal note yet. Could be high - according to bill sponsor. Proponents: Shodair, AWARE, Intermountain Childrens Home, Yellowstone</p>					



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<p>Boys/Girls Ranch. This is a clean up bill as Therapeutic Group homes were left out of previous bill. Disability rights MT, technically an opponent, proposed amendments. Disability Rights explained that a portion of the cost is borne by DPHHS and a portion by IDEA \$\$, determination of placement is made by team, including parent. P3, Line 23 in bill leaves out process for decision making of IEP team. Disability Rights also recommended using term "serious emotional disturbance" rather than ED as it had a more specific meeting to medicaid.</p> <p>1/7/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN RECEIVING INPATIENT TREATMENT OF EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS; ADDING AND REVISING DEFINITIONS; INCLUDING THERAPEUTIC GROUP HOMES IN THE LIST OF FACILITIES QUALIFYING FOR STATE PAYMENTS; REVISING THE CALCULATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR THE EDUCATIONAL COSTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING INPATIENT TREATMENT OF EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DUTIES FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS</p>					
<a href="#">HB 147</a>	Jane Gillette(R) HD 64	01/24/23 - Hearing 01/19/23 - Rereferred to Committee 01/19/23 - 2nd Reading Passed		4-Mental Health	Neutral
<p>Enhance Medicaid rates for certain children's mental health services</p> <p>1/12/2023 - Hearing notes: Out of state placements cost 133%. This bill would give that rate to in-state PRTFs and Therapeutic group homes. Proponents: ED NAMI MT, Ability MT, Dr. Willson MTAAP. Opponents: none. Question about stats: 194 youth in PRTF, 91 in therapeutic group home (out of state).</p> <p>1/7/2023 - While this bill would not directly impact schools, could be helpful for those children receiving mental health services under medicaid. Restricted to kids in psychiatric residential treatment facility or therapeutic group homes. CAMPS not planning to testify on this bill.</p> <p>1/3/2023 - AN ACT CREATING AN ENHANCED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PROVIDERS OF CERTAIN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO IN-STATE CARE FOR HIGH-RISK CHILDREN WITH MULTIAGENCY SERVICE NEEDS; CREATING A REPORTING REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING A DEFINITION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY</p>					
<a href="#">HB 252</a>	Jonathan Karlen(D) HD 96	01/25/23 - Hearing 01/17/23 - First Reading 01/17/23 - Referred to Committee		4-Mental Health	Neutral
<p>Youth behavioral health screening</p> <p>1/25/2023 - This bill would add appropriation to a program that is currently being piloted by DPHHS in numerous schools across the state.</p> <p>1/25/2023 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN OPTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL SCREENING PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING SCREENING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; TRANSFERRING FUNDS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION</p>					
<a href="#">HB 203</a>	David Bedey(R) HD 86	01/24/23 - Printed - New Version Available 01/24/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended 01/23/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended	1:00PM 01/30/2023 Second Reading House Floor	6-Education Policy	Support
<p>Generally revise education laws to enhance educational opportunities</p>					



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<p>1/16/2023 - Committee Hearing notes: MT Disability rights suggested a few amendments which would make it easier. Questions/comments from committee: District may adopt policy to guide enrollment. What happens if a district does not adopt policy? Question about timeline for when a student could request transfer. Question about class size accommodations, bill sponsor said that the bill was drawn broadly enough to allow for district to establish guidelines for expectations to meet District strategic plan. Question about how it will impact smaller schools. How would bill address mobility issues: this bill would create a process for transfer, where a consistent process does not exist. What about requests for athletic transfers? Not addressed directly in the bill. Parents make decisions for request to transfer.</p> <p>1/11/2023 - CAMPS Testimony will be delivered by Lance M, (MREA) to House Ed committee at the hearing on Monday 1/16:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iQdOrMULD8w1BAYtmZxOVB_pnTwjeMVD/view?usp=share_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iQdOrMULD8w1BAYtmZxOVB_pnTwjeMVD/view?usp=share_link</a></p> <p>1/11/2023 - CAMPS sent common message to Members. SAM sent to the SAM LN.  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQL1M-d93xZe5ipnTeTXNG8A-elaQ12-caGwKEVx9g9Zvnp7ao1XNODIQW-gIW_rQ/pub">https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQL1M-d93xZe5ipnTeTXNG8A-elaQ12-caGwKEVx9g9Zvnp7ao1XNODIQW-gIW_rQ/pub</a></p> <p>1/7/2023 - CAMPS believes that the bill sponsor has made an effort to include our suggestions. In addition, we would likely support a bill like this that contains some safeguards and protects district authority. There are others that may present bills (See LC 657) which could be much worse and will limit authority of trustees.</p> <p>12/31/2022 - An act generally revising education laws related to out-of-district attendance; revising out-of-district and tuition laws to increase educational choice and improve taxpayer equity.</p> <p>12/5/2022 - Open enrollment bill. Dec 4, CAMPS issued recommendations on this bill to drafters. Here is the link: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRbvET8kEtmSyv0JMJKL2rzEPAYUs6CRSZWo6h9qfJKjB0cGhIYIbsBywTP2NyA/pub">https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRbvET8kEtmSyv0JMJKL2rzEPAYUs6CRSZWo6h9qfJKjB0cGhIYIbsBywTP2NyA/pub</a></p>					
<b>HB 214</b>	Marta Bertoglio(R) HD 75	01/26/23 - Printed - New Version Available 01/25/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended 01/25/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended	1:00PM 01/30/2023 Second Reading House Floor	6-Education Policy	Support with amendments
<p>Revise education laws related to remote instruction</p> <p>1/25/2023 - Second amendment introduced and passed during executive action on Jan. 25: <a href="https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2023/AmdPublicWeb/HB0214.001.002_Amendments-in-Context_final-full.pdf">https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2023/AmdPublicWeb/HB0214.001.002_Amendments-in-Context_final-full.pdf</a></p> <p>1/16/2023 - HB 214 Amendment:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qrGAT-9FsOqQGG3noDd6gmuasTeq23KJ/view?usp=share_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qrGAT-9FsOqQGG3noDd6gmuasTeq23KJ/view?usp=share_link</a></p> <p>1/16/2023 - Clarifies in-person offsite instruction vs. remote instruction. Off-site instruction = in-person within the boundaries of a district. Remote instruction. Proponents - CAMPS. Will no longer impact mandatory enrollment. It will just impact 20-7-118. Opponents included representative for Hutterite colonies as this bill now requires that school districts only serve schools that are within their geographic boundaries. The situation with the colony schools should be solved by a multi-district agreement, rather than what is currently being done through off-site instruction.</p> <p>1/15/2023 - CAMPS Testimony: To be delivered by Dennis, MREA: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSXjUbWxayfcg-coQwmWYSJ9XDcj5ti4HMaKhv1fauFZ3Kx64k0KkqJNHspMldStg/pub">https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSXjUbWxayfcg-coQwmWYSJ9XDcj5ti4HMaKhv1fauFZ3Kx64k0KkqJNHspMldStg/pub</a></p> <p>1/15/2023 - This bill would require districts (mandatory enrollment) to enroll out of district students in remote learning courses, if there is not an equivalent course in the student's home district. SAM asked for an amendment which would make it clear that a district would have to be offering a remote course before an out of district student would be eligible to enroll. Nothing in the bill should compel a district to create a remote course, if one does not already exist.</p>					



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<a href="#">HB 231</a>	Brandon Ler(R) HD 35	01/26/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed 01/25/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed 01/20/23 - Hearing	1:00PM 01/30/2023 Second Reading House Floor	6-Education Policy	Oppose
Eliminate certification standards and practices advisory council					
1/26/2023 - Bill passed out of committee with 4 no votes.					
1/18/2023 - SAM will oppose this bill with the following testimony: January 20, 2023 Dear Members of the House Education Committee, We at the School Administrators of Montana oppose HB231, which seeks to eliminate the Certifications Standards and Practices Advisory Council from the state statute. We understand that the Board of Public Ed can establish an advisory council outside of state statute, however we believe that the current statute has important language regarding the makeup of the council. We believe that it is important for the Board to have advisory from a council of professionals, currently working in the field, and we believe the current statute establishes such a council. We encourage you to oppose HB 231. Thank you for your consideration. Rob Watson, Executive Director of SAM					
1/18/2023 - From ED of BPE: This bill would eliminate the CSPAC from statute. Originally, I had planned to oppose the bill both on principle and funding concerns. After working with the Governor's Office to draft the attached fiscal note, I've now been asked to be there as an informational witness for two reasons:					
Should this bill pass, the Board will create their own advisory council (under the authority given in 2-15-122, MCA) of education practitioners and professionals to continue to give advice and make recommendations to the Board. The attached fiscal note shows that there will be no fiscal impact, as the Board will continue to need funding to support the new advisory council. I just received this fiscal note this morning with the \$0 fiscal impact.					
1/18/2023 - AN ACT REVISING EDUCATION LAWS TO ELIMINATE THE CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL					
<a href="#">SB 129</a>	Russel (Russ) Tempel(R) SD 14	01/27/23 - 2nd Reading Passed 01/27/23 - Scheduled for 2nd Reading 01/24/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed	1:00PM 01/30/2023 Third Reading Senate Floor	6-Education Policy	Support
Revise laws related to compulsory attendance					
1/20/2023 - CAMPS will support this bill. Here is rationale from MREA: Thank the sponsor for carrying the bill. Recognize that this bill is a result of a school principal talking to their legislator and that legislator listening and acting. (elementary principal from Cut Bank) I will tailor my testimony to highlight important points already made but I will ensure that the following points are made:					



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<p>No harm to homeschools. This was received well by some very conservative legislators during the interim.  Removes the "enroll by age 7" language from statute.  Removes "drop at 16 or the end of the 8th grade"  Does nothing to impede any parent from making the decision to choose an alternative schooling environment.</p> <p>1/7/2023 - This was a bill that came from interim committee. It would clarify that enrolled students need would be compelled to attend, regardless of age of the student.  Resistance from homeschool community during the interim session. CAMPS will support, Dennis to provide testimony.</p> <p>1/3/2023 - AN ACT REVISING SCHOOL LAWS RELATED TO COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE; ALIGNING COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE WITH ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL RATHER THAN AGE</p>					
<a href="#">HB 352</a>	Brad Barker(R) HD 58	01/30/23 - Hearing 01/27/23 - First Reading 01/27/23 - Referred to Committee	3:00PM 01/30/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	6-Education Policy	Support
<p>Provide targeted interventions to support 3rd grade reading proficiency</p> <p>1/28/2023 - Call to Action to SAMLN23, notify House Ed Committee of our support. EMAIL: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/15QjZhjqC05-ZAIU3_I5TYo9CeEkd9xKJ/view?usp=share_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/15QjZhjqC05-ZAIU3_I5TYo9CeEkd9xKJ/view?usp=share_link</a></p> <p>1/15/2023 - This bill has been amended to now include proposed changes to exceptional circumstances that were proposed by Rep Bedey during the interim committee. Here is current bill: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qvprpv2MwzDcwWrckeX0CICBIZayx_LI/view?usp=share_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qvprpv2MwzDcwWrckeX0CICBIZayx_LI/view?usp=share_link</a></p> <p>12/31/2022 - An act establishing early literacy targeted interventions; providing legislative findings, purpose, and intent; providing definitions; providing duties for the board of public education and superintendent of public instruction and authority for school board trustees; providing funding mechanisms and reporting requirements.</p>					
<a href="#">HB 21</a>	David Bedey(R) HD 86	01/23/23 - Hearing 01/16/23 - First Reading 01/16/23 - Referred to Committee		6-Education Policy	Support
<p>Revising process for adoption of school accreditation standards</p> <p>1/4/2023 - This bill clarifies process for reviewing accreditation standards as well as the process for economic impact. Clarifies that OPI must include monies in their budget if there is an economic impact. CAMPS supported the bill with testimony delivered by Doug.  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q10xhBu-OIWqg-KWOLIEi3xACG-Qvcpy/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q10xhBu-OIWqg-KWOLIEi3xACG-Qvcpy/view</a></p> <p>12/31/2022 - "AN ACT REVISING THE PROCESS FOR ADOPTION OF SCHOOL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS; REQUIRING THAT ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR CERTAIN ACCREDITATION STANDARDS INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE TIME REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION; REASSIGNING THE REVIEW OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENTS TO LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEES; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO REQUEST THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO SEEK FUNDING FOR STANDARDS DETERMINED DURING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM TO REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURES; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE."</p>					





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<a href="#">HB 22</a>	David Bedey(R) HD 86	01/26/23 - Committee Report--Bill Concurred 01/26/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Concurred 01/23/23 - Hearing		6-Education Policy	Neutral
<p>Revising use of revenue from teacher licensure fees</p> <p>12/31/2022 - Will provide more flexibility to the BPE and how they use the funds received from teacher licensure. AN ACT REVISING THE USE OF REVENUE FROM TEACHER LICENSURE FEES BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-4-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE</p>					
<a href="#">HB 259</a>	Lee Deming(R) HD 55	01/23/23 - Hearing 01/17/23 - First Reading 01/17/23 - Referred to Committee		6-Education Policy	Oppose unless amended
<p>Revise teacher license laws</p> <p>1/23/2023 - Jan23 Testimony: Dear House Education Committee Members, On behalf of the School Administrators of Montana, we stand in opposition of HB259, Revise teacher licensure laws, unless the bill can be amended with a defined time period for employing non-certified staff. During these difficult times in retaining and recruiting teachers, we can understand the need for flexibility. To this point, we estimate there are more than 200 staff working in Montana this year who are on emergency authorization from OPI, so we agree that there needs to be some flexibility given to Districts. However, the emergency authorized staff need to be reevaluated on a yearly basis and continued employment of a non-certified teacher is not a guarantee. We believe this type of requirement should be added to any language or statute that seeks to expand teacher licensure beyond currently approved practices. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Rob Watson, Executive Director of SAM</p> <p>1/23/2023 - SAM's concern about this bill would be the term of employment. Currently there are more than 200 emergency authorized teachers in MT. However these need to be renewed each year. This bill would allow a Board to employ an non-certified teacher, indefinitely. SAM could support with a define time period.</p> <p>1/23/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION; ALLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES TO EMPLOY CERTAIN QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT A TEACHING CERTIFICATE: HB259 revises laws related to teacher certification by allowing school district trustees to employ certain qualified individuals without a teaching certificate. These are the conditions outlined in the bill: (i) holds a valid and current teacher or specialist license for the subject area from another state (ii) holds a bachelor's degree in the subject area; or (iii) provides evidence of expertise in the subject area. The trustees may in their full discretion determine what is acceptable evidence of expertise.</p>					
<a href="#">HB 287</a>	Jonathan Windy Boy(D) HD 32	01/27/23 - Hearing 01/20/23 - First Reading 01/20/23 - Referred to Committee		6-Education Policy	Support

Revise laws related to Indian language preservation

1/24/2023 - The bill has more specific application and reporting requirements for tribes, school districts and OPI. Funding will go to tribal governments for implementation.



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1/24/2023 - AN ACT REVISING THE MONTANA INDIAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM; EMPHASIZING THE PERPETUATION OF INDIAN LANGUAGES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; MODIFYING THE PROGRAM PARAMETERS AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; EMPHASIZING THE ROLES OF TRIBAL EDUCATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENTS AND OF INDIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL SPECIALISTS; REVISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;					
<a href="#">LC0115</a>	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	01/22/23 - Draft On Hold 01/02/23 - Draft Taken Off Hold 09/20/22 - Draft On Hold		6-Education Policy	Watch
Revise education laws related to school district boundaries					
1/4/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES; REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR REVIEW OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS					
<a href="#">LC0279</a>	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	08/31/22 - Draft Request Received		6-Education Policy	Watch
Establish Transparency in Education Act					
<a href="#">LC0290</a>	Rhonda Knudsen (R) HD 34	12/29/22 - Draft Ready for Delivery 12/28/22 - Executive Director Final Review 12/28/22 - Draft Ready for Delivery		6-Education Policy	Watch
Require school trustees to admit resident children on a part-time basis					
1/4/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE ADMITTANCE OF CHILDREN TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING TRUSTEES TO ADMIT RESIDENT SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN ON A PART-TIME BASIS AT THE PARENT'S REQUEST					
<a href="#">LC0633</a>	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19	12/28/22 - Draft Ready for Delivery 12/27/22 - Executive Director Final Review 12/27/22 - Draft Ready for Delivery		6-Education Policy	Watch
Revise laws related to basic instructional program in high schools					
1/1/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SCHOOL INSTRUCTION; REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS TO REQUIRE A COURSE IN UNITED STATES CIVICS AS PART OF DISTRICT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, TO INCLUDE COURSE OFFERINGS IN PERSONAL FINANCE AND, IF FOREIGN LANGUAGE IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, TO OFFER COURSES IN SOFTWARE PROGRAMMING THAT MEET THAT REQUIREMENT					



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<a href="#">LC0657</a>	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19	12/16/22 - Draft On Hold 10/17/22 - Draft Taken Off Hold 10/14/22 - Draft On Hold		6-Education Policy	Watch
Revise education laws to address open enrollment 1/7/2023 - Cross reference HB 203, which is also an Open Enrollment bill.					
<a href="#">LC0694</a>	Theresa Manzella (R) SD 44	01/29/23 - Bill Draft Text Available Electronically 01/29/23 - Draft in Final Drafter Review 01/29/23 - Draft in Input/Proofing		6-Education Policy	Watch
Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws					
<a href="#">LC1257</a>	Fred Anderson (R) HD 20	01/25/23 - Draft in Legal Review 11/16/22 - Draft Request Received		6-Education Policy	Not Reviewed
Authorizing establishment of public charter schools 12/31/2022 - An act authorizing the establishment of public charter schools as a means of providing additional high quality educational opportunities; authorizing constitutionally empowered elected trustees to establish, oversee and otherwise provide personalized learning programs for pupils in Montana's public schools through charter schools or programs.					
<a href="#">LC1410</a>	David Bedey (R) HD 86	12/29/22 - Draft Ready for Delivery 12/28/22 - Executive Director Final Review 12/28/22 - Draft Ready for Delivery		6-Education Policy	Watch
Generally revise laws concerning fees for teacher and specialist certificates 1/7/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO TEACHER AND SPECIALIST LICENSURE; REVISING THE USE AND SETTING OF FEES FOR TEACHER AND SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION FEES. Currently, a portion of teacher licensure fees go to BPE. This bill would keep all fees at OPI to cover the maintenance cost of new licensure system. There is funding in Govn. budget to replace the funding at BPE. Cross reference is HB 22.					
<a href="#">SB 8</a>	Shannon O'Brien(D) SD 46	01/27/23 - 3rd Reading Passed 01/27/23 - Scheduled for 3rd Reading 01/26/23 - 2nd Reading Passed		6-Education Policy	Support
Revise transformational learning program laws 1/16/2023 - Senate Ed Committee Hearing: Proponents - Govn Office, Contractors Assoc, CAMPS. Question from Committee: question about statement in bill, regardless					



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<p>of age and special ed students. Question about what proficiency based learning means or looks like to the BPE. What broad-reaching implications for all schools in MT.? Is there any limits for schools, maybe for those who don't qualify for the grant?</p> <p>1/15/2023 - CAMPS Testimony, Jan 16, Presented by Rob, SAM: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQArV5iwlyDx2VPhu3YI4KrOmbBeWJzpQwnkhKu1_Df2SmTUc6u2CqzwGMF4IpULA/pub">https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQArV5iwlyDx2VPhu3YI4KrOmbBeWJzpQwnkhKu1_Df2SmTUc6u2CqzwGMF4IpULA/pub</a></p> <p>1/7/2023 - This is a clean up bill which defines personalized learning.</p> <p>1/1/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PERSONALIZED AND TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING; DEFINING "PROFICIENCY-BASED LEARNING"; REVISING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING AID PAYMENTS</p>					
<b>SB 9</b>	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47	01/06/23 - Fiscal Note Printed 01/05/23 - Fiscal Note Received 01/02/23 - First Reading		6-Education Policy	Support
<p>Prohibit school districts operating schools outside district boundaries</p> <p>1/7/2023 - This bill was discussed in an interim legislative committee. The impetus for this bill came from a dispute regarding the operation of schools on Hutterite colonies.</p> <p>1/1/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CLARIFY THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOT OPERATE A SCHOOL OR OFFSITE INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT</p>					
<b>SB 69</b>	Shannon O'Brien(D) SD 46	01/19/23 - Referred to Committee 01/17/23 - Transmitted to House 01/16/23 - 3rd Reading Passed		6-Education Policy	Support with amendments
<p>Clarify school transportation laws related to passenger vehicles</p> <p>1/11/2023 - EA in committee: Passed</p> <p>1/7/2023 - CAMPS had a concern with this bill, specifically how passenger vehicle was defined in the bill. We were concerned that it would take away the opportunity for a district to use the approved, 5-star rated, 10 passenger vehicles for depreciation. We secured a letter from OPI which states the legislative intent of the bill. While a bill amendment would be better, we don't want to kick the hornets nest on this one, by drawing too much attention to the current statute, which could inadvertently limit our current abilities to access bus depreciation for some vehicles. We believe that this still protects districts who have purchased and are currently using the approved 10 passenger, 5 star rated vehicles. They will still be able to access bus depreciation for those vehicles as was part of the original statute. The new proposed language would limit the other types of vehicles that don't meet those standards. A district could still use those other vehicles for transportation and activities, but won't be able to access bus depreciation. Letter from OPI: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/17JJ_n7-RjIGXV9FJGbXdRkCoctyp9eLO/view?usp=share_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/17JJ_n7-RjIGXV9FJGbXdRkCoctyp9eLO/view?usp=share_link</a></p> <p>1/1/2023 - AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT A PASSENGER VEHICLE USED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IS NOT A SCHOOL BUS; CLARIFYING THAT A PASSENGER VEHICLE OWNED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR INCLUSION IN THE DISTRICT'S BUS DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND</p>					



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<a href="#">SB 132</a>	Becky Beard(R) SD 40	01/26/23 - Hearing 01/20/23 - Rereferred to Committee 01/20/23 - 2nd Reading Passed		6-Education Policy	Watch

Revise agricultural education laws

1/12/2023 - Possible concerns: If the funding for payments is less than the total amount for which MT districts qualify, the OPI shall prorate the payments. In addition, the bill offers \$50 per online ag-ed course, however the current cost structure with MTDA charges the district \$125.

1/11/2023 - Notes from hearing: Revises the way OPI prorates funding. Provides more access for rural students. Ag Teachers Association provided testimony in favor of the bill. (handout). Proponent spoke from Bainville MT. Accomplishes 2 goals - stabilizes and increases funding across the state. Helps to fund needed equipment. Question from committee member about the current state of AgEd. Technology is now a big focus. Over 100 AgEd programs currently, up from only 70 when bill started. Regarding FFA, over 6000 students statewide.

1/7/2023 - AN ACT ENHANCING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN MONTANA; REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS AND PAYMENTS UNDER THE ADVANCING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN MONTANA PROGRAM; CREATING A PAYMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR SMALL SCHOOLS WITHOUT APPROVED AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION THROUGH ALTERNATIVE MEANS; REMOVING RULE MAKING AUTHORITY

<a href="#">SB 123</a>	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	01/26/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended 01/25/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended 01/18/23 - Hearing	1:00PM 01/30/2023 Second Reading Senate Floor	7-Revenue & Taxation	Support
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Require ballot for bond election to estimate additional taxes for residence

1/18/2023 - Amendment added at the committee hearing to clarify that the following numbers should be used on ballot language: tax impact for assessed value of \$100K, \$300K and \$600K.

1/18/2023 - CAMPS supported this bill. Testimony was delivered by Rob:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQ-BC1niTw7EfPEquq5icSqB7yWjrM\\_lw9iBLI3jI0q9LuZpCuCINWYbCS7TPSkg/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQ-BC1niTw7EfPEquq5icSqB7yWjrM_lw9iBLI3jI0q9LuZpCuCINWYbCS7TPSkg/pub)

1/17/2023 - This bill would require school districts to estimate tax increase in the first year of the bond for a home with assessed value of 100K and 200K. This estimate would need to go on the ballot. SAM supports this bill because it increases transparency for voters. The concern may be from clerks, the number on the ballot would simply be an estimate, based on current taxable values of the district.

1/3/2023 - AN ACT REQUIRING THE BALLOT FOR A BOND ELECTION TO INCLUDE THE ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED ON A RESIDENCE



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<a href="#">HB 189</a>	George Nikolakakos(R) HD 26	01/30/23 - Hearing 01/27/23 - Rereferred to Committee 01/27/23 - 2nd Reading Passed	3:00PM 01/30/2023 House Appropriations Hearing Room 102	7-Revenue & Taxation	Neutral

Revise property tax assistance program

1/12/2023 - AN ACT REVISING THE PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; INCREASING THE MARKET VALUE TO WHICH THE PROGRAM APPLIES. (There is a property tax assistance program that provides graduated levels of tax assistance for the purpose of assisting citizens with limited or fixed incomes.)

<a href="#">SB 125</a>	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	01/31/23 - Hearing 01/09/23 - Amendments Available 01/06/23 - Referred to Committee	9:00AM 01/31/2023 Senate Taxation Hearing Room 405	7-Revenue & Taxation	Oppose
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Limit certain property tax levies to 5 years without reapproval

1/28/2023 - See notes on HB 206. This bill would basically do the same thing. HB 206 was tabled in committee.

1/3/2023 - AN ACT LIMITING THE DURATION OF CERTAIN MILL LEVIES SUBMITTED TO VOTERS; LIMITING MILL LEVIES TO 5 YEARS WITHOUT VOTER REAPPROVAL

<a href="#">HB 36</a>	David Bedey(R) HD 86	01/20/23 - Tabled in Committee 01/19/23 - Hearing 01/18/23 - Rereferred to Committee		7-Revenue & Taxation	Neutral
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Revising school funding laws related to enrollment increases

1/11/2023 - EA: Support for the bill with concern about removal of local control.

1/9/2023 - Bill hearing in House Ed: Rep. Thane asked about preservation of budget authority after enrollment increase factor was applied by OPI. It was stated by OPI budget analysis that Budget authority would be preserved (assuming a Board resolution passed).

1/7/2023 - This bill would remove the opportunity for districts to establish budget based on "anticipated" enrollment increases. Another piece of the bill requires a 3-year look back when establishing the significant enrollment increases payments. CAMPS will watch at this time and not testify.

12/31/2022 - AN ACT REVISING SCHOOL FUNDING LAWS RELATED TO ENROLLMENT INCREASES; PROVIDING FOR SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT INCREASE PAYMENTS BASED ON THE OCTOBER ENROLLMENT COUNT; ELIMINATING THE CURRENT MECHANISM FOR ANTICIPATED UNUSUAL ENROLLMENT INCREASES



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<a href="#">HB 140</a>	Llew Jones(R) HD 18	01/25/23 - 3rd Reading Passed 01/25/23 - Scheduled for 3rd Reading 01/24/23 - 2nd Reading Passed		7-Revenue & Taxation	Watch
<p>Establishing modernization and risk analysis committee</p> <p>1/7/2023 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MODERNIZATION AND RISK ANALYSIS COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR ADDRESSING VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION AND THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION WILL STAFF THE COMMITTEE; RENAMING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE ACT TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE AND DATA ANALYTICS ACT. (The committee shall study the long-term future budget and revenue needs of the state with changing economics and demographics.)</p>					
<a href="#">HB 206</a>	Ron Marshall(R) HD 87	01/26/23 - Tabled in Committee 01/20/23 - Amendments Available 01/18/23 - Hearing		7-Revenue & Taxation	Oppose
<p>Generally revise mill levy election laws</p> <p>1/26/2023 - Bill was tabled in committee. Unanimous vote yes.</p> <p>1/26/2023 - Amendment proposed during EA on the bill. Here is new language regarding voter turnout: (i) 40% or more, the mill levy is approved and adopted if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the mill levy. If not, the mill levy is rejected. (ii) more than 30% but less than 40%, the mill levy is approved and adopted if 60% or more of the votes cast are in favor of the mill levy. If not, the mill levy is rejected. (iii) 30% or less, the mill levy is rejected. Amendment: <a href="https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2023/AmdPublicWeb/HB0206.001.002_Amendments-in-Context_final-full.pdf">https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2023/AmdPublicWeb/HB0206.001.002_Amendments-in-Context_final-full.pdf</a></p> <p>1/18/2023 - MTSBA, MQEC and SAM sent a "call to action" on 1/17/23. Good response from all members. A legislator from the Kalispell area told a SAM member that the committee would be tabling the bill. Still could come out with a blast motion.</p> <p>1/17/2023 - CAMPS will oppose. Doug, MQEC to provide testimony: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZzLgU9WnbAhCb3gW7badwN9FhN-Zp2Kw/view?usp=share_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZzLgU9WnbAhCb3gW7badwN9FhN-Zp2Kw/view?usp=share_link</a></p> <p>1/12/2023 - Creates a new expectation for school levies: 50% voter turnout AND simple majority voting in favor. Voter turnout must be determined by dividing the total number of qualified electors who voted in the election from the tally sheets for the election by the total number of electors who were qualified to vote in the election.</p> <p>1/7/2023 - AN ACT REVISING MILL LEVY ELECTION LAWS; LIMITING THE DURATION OF A VOTED MILL LEVY; REQUIRING VOTER TURNOUT TO EXCEED 50% FOR A VOTED LEVY; REVISING THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION OR PETITION FOR THE MILL LEVY ELECTION; REVISING THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO VOTERS</p>					
<a href="#">HB 222</a>	Tom Welch(R) HD 72	01/23/23 - Hearing 01/19/23 - Printed - New Version Available 01/19/23 - Rereferred to Committee		7-Revenue & Taxation	Neutral
<p>Provide rebates of property taxes paid on a principal residence</p>					



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<p>1/12/2023 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PROPERTY TAX REBATE ON A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE BASED ON A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES PAID; PROVIDING A REBATE OF PROPERTY TAXES UP TO \$1,000 A YEAR FOR TAX YEARS 2022 AND 2023 FOR A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE THAT WAS OCCUPIED BY THE TAXPAYER; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPERTY TAX REBATE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE MONTANA INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX;</p>					
<a href="#">HB 245</a>	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56	01/23/23 - Hearing 01/19/23 - Rereferred to Committee 01/19/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed		7-Revenue & Taxation	Neutral
<p>Revise tax credit for trades education and training</p> <p>1/23/2023 - "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE TRADES EDUCATION AND TRAINING TAX CREDIT; EXPANDING THE LIST OF QUALIFYING TRADES FOR THE TRADES EDUCATION AND TRAINING TAX CREDIT; PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY FURTHER EXPAND THE LIST THROUGH ITS EXISTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY</p>					
<a href="#">LC0102</a>	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	12/12/22 - Draft Taken Off Hold 10/31/22 - Draft On Hold 07/26/22 - Draft Request Received		7-Revenue & Taxation	Not Reviewed
<p>Generally revise school finance laws related to property taxes</p> <p>1/12/2023 - This will be the bill that carries the transfer of the 95mils, state level monies that go to support general fund budgets for schools. Govn. proposal would be to put these mills in the guarantee account or special revenue account. Earmark specifically to support K12 base aid.</p>					
<a href="#">LC0105</a>	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	01/16/23 - Draft Taken Off Hold 11/09/22 - Draft On Hold 07/26/22 - Draft Request Received		7-Revenue & Taxation	Not Reviewed
<p>Provide for monthly property tax payment</p>					
<a href="#">SB 1</a>	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47	01/19/23 - Referred to Committee 01/17/23 - Transmitted to House 01/16/23 - 3rd Reading Passed		7-Revenue & Taxation	Watch
<p>Align payment schedule of school block grants</p> <p>1/11/2023 - EA in committee: Passed</p> <p>1/7/2023 - We believe this is a clean up bill that only impacts Colstrip Schools. No position from CAMPS.</p> <p>1/1/2023 - AN ACT ALIGNING THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE COAL-FIRED GENERATING UNIT CLOSURE MITIGATION BLOCK GRANT WITH THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID</p>					





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<a href="#">SB 10</a>	Shannon O'Brien(D) SD 46	01/19/23 - Referred to Committee 01/17/23 - Transmitted to House 01/16/23 - 3rd Reading Passed		7-Revenue & Taxation	Support

Clarify school finance laws related to general fund levies

1/11/2023 - EA in committee: Passed

1/7/2023 - Clean up bill. Supported by CAMPS

1/1/2023 - AN ACT REVISING SCHOOL FUNDING LAWS; REMOVING REFERENCES TO AN ADDITIONAL LEVY FOR THE DISTRICT GENERAL FUND; CLARIFYING TRUSTEES' AUTHORITY RELATED TO ACQUIRING OR DISPOSING OF SITES AND BUILDINGS; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "OVER-BASE BUDGET LEVY"

<a href="#">SB 54</a>	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	01/27/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed 01/27/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed 01/26/23 - Hearing		7-Revenue & Taxation	Neutral
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Revise centrally assessed property appraisals

1/12/2023 - AN ACT REVISING THE REAPPRAISAL CYCLE FOR CERTAIN CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR A 2-YEAR REAPPRAISAL CYCLE FOR CERTAIN CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY. (Also changes some of the processes for protested taxes.)

<a href="#">HB 135</a>	Marta Bertoglio(R) HD 75	01/27/23 - 2nd Reading Passed 01/27/23 - Scheduled for 2nd Reading 01/17/23 - Printed - New Version Available	1:00PM 01/30/2023 Third Reading House Floor	8-Pension Laws	Support with amendments
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Revise administrative provisions of TRS

1/4/2023 - CAMPS supported this bill with a comment about the new rules governing "independent contractors." The new requirements are more stringent than current, which means schools, as an employer, will be held to higher standards than other employers who employ independent contractors. We have given some proposed language to bill sponsor and TRS exec director. Not sure if amendments will be accepted.[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hi-FvXKhYhOHendMNDrjx3q5fuRWfkfA/edit?usp=share\\_link&oid=108640981809976839399&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hi-FvXKhYhOHendMNDrjx3q5fuRWfkfA/edit?usp=share_link&oid=108640981809976839399&rtpof=true&sd=true)

12/31/2022 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS; CLARIFYING DUTIES OF EMPLOYERS; REVISING THE TRANSFER OF SERVICE FROM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; CLARIFYING THE PURCHASE OF THE FIRST 210 HOURS OF SERVICE; REVISING THE REDEPOSIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS PREVIOUSLY WITHDRAWN FROM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; CLARIFYING EARNED COMPENSATION LIMITATIONS; REVISING THE GUARANTEED ANNUAL BENEFIT ADJUSTMENT; CLARIFYING THE CALCULATION OF AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION; CLARIFYING THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF A DISABILITY RETIREE; CLARIFYING PAYMENTS ON THE DEATH OF A RETIREE.



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<a href="#">SB 18</a>	Mike Cuffe(R) SD 1	01/26/23 - Committee Report--Bill Concurred 01/26/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Concurred 01/25/23 - Hearing	1:00PM 01/30/2023 Second Reading House Floor	8-Pension Laws	Neutral
<p>Add benefit policy statement to pension systems</p> <p>1/3/2023 - AN ACT ADDING A BENEFIT POLICY STATEMENT TO EACH PENSION SYSTEM PREVENTING THE ADDITION OF NEW BENEFITS UNLESS CERTAIN CRITERIA ARE MET.</p>					
<a href="#">HB 117</a>	Marta Bertoglio(R) HD 75	01/25/23 - 3rd Reading Passed 01/25/23 - Scheduled for 3rd Reading 01/24/23 - 2nd Reading Passed		8-Pension Laws	Support
<p>Generally revise working retiree laws under TRS</p> <p>1/4/2023 - CAMPS supports this bill. Dennis made public comment in support from the group.</p> <p>12/31/2022 - AN ACT REVISING SCHOOL FUNDING LAWS RELATED TO ENROLLMENT INCREASES; PROVIDING FOR SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT INCREASE PAYMENTS BASED ON THE OCTOBER ENROLLMENT COUNT; ELIMINATING THE CURRENT MECHANISM FOR ANTICIPATED UNUSUAL ENROLLMENT INCREASES. This would increase the allowable earnings to 49% and reduce the break in service to 120 days. In addition, this bill adds back the opportunity for Superintendents to be eligible for reemployment under the emergency hire clause.</p>					
<a href="#">HB 226</a>	Terry Moore(R) HD 54	01/23/23 - Hearing 01/12/23 - First Reading 01/12/23 - Referred to Committee		8-Pension Laws	Oppose
<p>Generally revise pension laws</p> <p>1/23/2023 - SAM and CAMPS will oppose, based on the elements of the bill that have the potential for contribution volatility and shifting of tax burden to local taxpayers and the potential impact on local school districts voted levies.</p> <p>1/3/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REVISING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE FOR AN ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION; CHANGING THE DEFAULT RETIREMENT PLAN TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; REVISING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS</p>					
<a href="#">LC0238</a>	For Public Employees' Retirement Board by State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee	12/09/22 - Draft Canceled 11/29/22 - Draft in Assembly 11/28/22 - Executive Director Review		8-Pension Laws	Watch

Revise PERS funding



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1/4/2023 - AN ACT REVISING FUNDING PROVISIONS FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REMOVING THE PLAN CHOICE RATE; INCREASING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM					
<a href="#">SB 29</a>	Wendy McKamey(R) SD 12	01/24/23 - 3rd Reading Passed 01/24/23 - Scheduled for 3rd Reading 01/20/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed		8-Pension Laws	Support
Increase and Extend the PERS Supplemental Employer Contribution					
1/7/2023 - While this would increase district obligation, it is a slow growth until 2035. CAMPS supports this bill as it is important to recruitment and retention to keep these pension funds actuarially sound.					
1/1/2023 - AN ACT EXTENDING AND INCREASING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION INCREASE FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM					
<a href="#">SB 74</a>	Wendy McKamey(R) SD 12	01/20/23 - Transmitted to House 01/19/23 - 3rd Reading Passed 01/19/23 - Scheduled for 3rd Reading		8-Pension Laws	Neutral
Revise administrative provisions of MPERA					
1/7/2023 - CAMPS has no position on this bill yet. Reviewing Section 8, Page 8-10 which defines transfer of credits from TRS to PERS.					
1/1/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ADMINISTERED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD; CORRECTING INTEREST PAID UPON REDEPOSITS OF REFUNDED CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACTUARIAL ASSUMED RATE OF RETURN; ALLOWING FOR LIMITED INFORMATION SHARING WITH EMPLOYERS; REQUIRING PAYMENT TO THE TRUST OF A MINOR BENEFICIARY; CLARIFYING THE APPLICATION OF EXCESS EARNINGS FOR CALCULATION OF HIGHEST AND FINAL AVERAGE COMPENSATION; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "COMPENSATION"; REVISING MEMBERSHIP IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; CLARIFYING PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER AND PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDITS FROM THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; ALLOWING MEMBERS TO VOLUNTARILY CANCEL A DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFIT; CLARIFYING WORKING RETIREE LIMITS; CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF "SHERIFF" RELATED TO THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; PROVIDING A TIME LIMIT FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF LATE FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING RECORDS					
<a href="#">SJ 4</a>	Wendy McKamey(R) SD 12	01/26/23 - Committee Report--Bill Concurred 01/26/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Concurred 01/25/23 - Hearing		8-Pension Laws	Support
Provide for interim study of PERS and TRS					
1/7/2023 - A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN AND THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A LONG-TERM STRATEGIC APPROACH TO FUNDING THE SYSTEMS					



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<a href="#">HB 181</a>	Linda Reksten(R) HD 12	01/27/23 - 2nd Reading Passed 01/27/23 - Scheduled for 2nd Reading 01/24/23 - Printed - New Version Available	1:00PM 01/30/2023 Third Reading House Floor	9-State Policy	Neutral

Revise laws related to the superintendent of public instruction

1/20/2023 - SAM position is neutral: While the bill amendment removes the requirement for the State Supt to have a teaching certification, it also adds the requirement for Deputy Superintendent. While we would oppose lessening the requirement for State Supt, we would support the additional requirements for Deputy Supt. Difficult to do both - so no formal position from SAM.

1/18/2023 - Amendment clarified that the State Supt does indeed need at least a BA degree. The bill now seeks to clarify that if the candidate does not have any teaching experience, then the deputy has to have at least 5 years of teaching/admin experience. It is unclear what the bill is intending to do. Similar bill in last session.

1/18/2023 - AN ACT REVISING EDUCATION LAWS RELATED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; ENSURING THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OR THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT HAS AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF TEACHING OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE; REVISING THE LIST OF DISCRETIONARY STAFF THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY EMPLOY

<a href="#">HB 37</a>	Jennifer Carlson(R) HD 69	01/30/23 - Hearing 01/25/23 - Rereferred to Committee 01/25/23 - 2nd Reading Passed	3:00PM 01/30/2023 House Appropriations Hearing Room 102	9-State Policy	Neutral
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Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws

1/12/2023 - Nothing in this bill appears to impact schools or school employees as mandated reporters. New language about removal procedures.

1/12/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT LAWS; REQUIRING A WARRANT TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM THE CHILD'S HOME EXCEPT IN EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING THAT A PEACE OFFICER BE PRESENT WHENEVER A CHILD IS REMOVED FROM THE HOME; REVISING THE DEFINITIONS OF "CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT", "REASONABLE EFFORTS"; REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCLOSURE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS

<a href="#">SB 93</a>	Mike Cuffe(R) SD 1	02/01/23 - Hearing 01/11/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically 01/02/23 - First Reading	3:00PM 02/01/2023 Senate State Administration Hearing Room	9-State Policy	Neutral
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Generally revising ballot issues

1/12/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING BALLOT ISSUE LAWS; PROVIDING AND REVISING SUBMISSION AND PROCESSING TIMELINES FOR STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUES; CLARIFYING SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BALLOT ISSUES; REORGANIZING STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO BALLOT ISSUES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULE MAKING AUTHORITY;



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<a href="#">HB 47</a>	Julie Dooling(R) HD 70	01/25/23 - 3rd Reading Passed 01/25/23 - Scheduled for 3rd Reading 01/24/23 - 2nd Reading Passed		9-State Policy	Watch
Generally revise the Montana Information Technology Act 1/12/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE MONTANA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT; REVISING TERMINOLOGY; REVISING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SOLE AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE AN AGENCY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE AND REQUIRING THE USE OF AN ALTERNATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE					
<a href="#">HB 110</a>	Bill Mercer(R) HD 46	01/16/23 - Referred to Committee 01/13/23 - First Reading 01/12/23 - Transmitted to Senate		9-State Policy	Watch
Making interim budget committees permanent 1/12/2023 - AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEES; EXEMPTING THOSE COMMITTEES FROM INTERIM STUDY ASSIGNMENTS					
<a href="#">HB 175</a>	Edward Buttrey(R) HD 21	01/20/23 - First Reading 01/20/23 - Referred to Committee 01/19/23 - Transmitted to Senate		9-State Policy	Neutral
Amend state ARPA funding session law 1/7/2023 - AN ACT EXPANDING DEFINITION OF LINE-ITEM TRANSFER IN CHAPTER 401, LAWS OF 2021; PROVIDING FOR EXPANDED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY IN CHAPTER 401, LAWS OF 2021. (This bill may impact state ARPA funds or ESSER funds.)					
<a href="#">HB 216</a>	Bill Mercer(R) HD 46	01/24/23 - Hearing 01/16/23 - Rereferred to Committee 01/13/23 - Hearing Canceled		9-State Policy	Neutral
Generally revise laws related to public employees and labor organizations 1/15/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING A POLICY STATEMENT; REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP IN A LABOR ORGANIZATION; ALLOWING A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TO CANCEL MEMBERSHIP IN A LABOR ORGANIZATION; REVISING LAWS RELATED TO COLLECTION OF LABOR ORGANIZATION DUES FROM EMPLOYEES' PAY; REQUIRING AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TO THE COLLECTION OF LABOR ORGANIZATION DUES; REVISING LAWS RELATED TO UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYERS AND LABOR ORGANIZATION					



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<a href="#">HB 234</a>	Bob Phalen(R) HD 36	01/19/23 - Hearing 01/13/23 - First Reading 01/13/23 - Referred to Committee		9-State Policy	Neutral

Revise dissemination of obscene material to minors laws

1/20/2023 - SAM decided not to weigh in on this bill. If it passes, there is a danger that school staff could face criminal prosecution for providing obscene materials, however, that charge would have to meet definition in law and would have to be supported by local county attorney - which may be highly unlikely given the breadth of the definition. However, opposing the bill may have created harm to the organization as we would have been seen as trying to support the idea that we want our members to have the freedom to provide obscene (also called pornographic in committee hearing) materials to minors. Not a favorable position for SAM. There is a legitimate fear of government controlled censorship created by this bill, which was a very clear argument made by public libraries. Public libraries are in a better position to make this argument as they serve both children and adults.

1/18/2023 - Statement from MTSBA: The bill is a bit confusing. Not because of the way the bill is drafted but because of the way the underlying law is drafted. The underlying law says it is illegal to display obscene material to children, but it creates an exception for libraries and schools. I can't imagine the discussion that took place when this law was first drafted where someone asked for an exemption from the law, so that we could distribute obscene material to children. Fighting this bill at this point will allow others to claim that we are seeking to "continue" providing obscene material to children. We won't make any difference in the outcome of this bill by weighing in, but it will harm our credibility in other areas where we need collaboration.

The following definition is what we would be seeking to allow school districts to show the kids if we oppose the bill, which is proposing to eliminate the exemption for public schools from compliance with this law.

45-8-201(2) A thing is obscene if:

- (a) (i) it is a representation or description of perverted ultimate sexual acts, actual or simulated;
- (ii) it is a patently offensive representation or description of normal ultimate sexual acts, actual or simulated; or
- (iii) it is a patently offensive representation or description of masturbation, excretory functions, or lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
- (b) taken as a whole the material:
  - (i) applying contemporary community standards, appeals to the prurient interest in sex;
  - (ii) portrays conduct described in subsection (2)(a)(i), (2)(a)(ii), or (2)(a)(iii) in a patently offensive way; and
  - (iii) lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

1/15/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OR DISSEMINATION OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO MINORS; REMOVING EXCEPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REMOVING EXCEPTIONS FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS



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<a href="#">HB 265</a>	Tanner Smith(R) HD 11	01/26/23 - Hearing 01/19/23 - First Reading 01/19/23 - Referred to Committee		9-State Policy	Support

Revise laws related to marijuana dispensaries and licenses

1/25/2023 - Testimony to be given by CAMPS: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRW9W-iTlgZ-uQRhjEUGQ\\_86s7mfRpKI0qWqXYt4GYI4r\\_CSVzJddSQA0X98A0RA/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRW9W-iTlgZ-uQRhjEUGQ_86s7mfRpKI0qWqXYt4GYI4r_CSVzJddSQA0X98A0RA/pub)

1/25/2023 - This bill clarifies current state law which prohibits a dispensary from setting up within 500 feet of a school. The current law is vague in that there is a stipulation that the school and the dispensary on "on the same street." This bill removes that language, increases the distance to 1000 feet and states that the distance is measured from building corner to building corner, which would help to clarify how the distance is defined.

1/25/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO MARIJUANA LICENSES; REVISING THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENT BETWEEN A MARIJUANA-LICENSED PREMISES AND A CHURCH OR SCHOOL; PROHIBITING A DISPENSARY LICENSE IN CERTAIN PRECINCTS THAT VOTED AGAINST INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 190;

<a href="#">HB 328</a>	Brad Barker(R) HD 58	01/26/23 - Referred to Committee 01/26/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically 01/25/23 - Fiscal Note Requested		9-State Policy	Support with amendments
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Require certain govt boards to record public meetings in audio and video format

1/28/2023 - Would require school boards to record in both audio and video format. Also requires posting on website within one business day. Appropriation is for \$500 start up grant. Dennis with MREA is going to suggest some amendments during testimony. Concern about cost to do this and feasibility for our very small districts.

1/28/2023 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT BY REQUIRING CERTAIN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO RECORD THEIR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT; REQUIRING THOSE ENTITIES TO PUBLISH THE AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS TO THE GOVERNMENT WEBSITE WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE PUBLIC MEETING; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION

<a href="#">HB 359</a>	Braxton Mitchell(R) HD 3	01/28/23 - Introduced 01/26/23 - Draft Delivered to Requester 12/28/22 - Draft Ready for Delivery		9-State Policy	Not Reviewed
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Prohibit minors from attending drag shows

1/17/2023 - AN ACT PROHIBITING MINORS FROM ATTENDING DRAG SHOWS; PROHIBITING MINORS FROM ENTERING SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES; PROHIBITING DRAG PERFORMANCES IN LIBRARIES OR SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDING; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.



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<a href="#">HJ 1</a>	Lola Sheldon-Galloway(R) HD 22	01/23/23 - Committee Report--Bill Concurred 01/20/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Concurred 01/20/23 - Hearing		9-State Policy	Support
Request interim study on missing youth 1/12/2023 - A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF MISSING YOUTH; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 69TH LEGISLATURE.					
<a href="#">SB 47</a>	Theresa Manzella(R) SD 44	01/27/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended 01/26/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended 01/11/23 - Hearing		9-State Policy	Watch
Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements 1/9/2023 - From DP, MREA: After reading the Fiscal Note (that often provides information that is hard to tease out of the bill). Looks to me that this bill is necessary in order to meet federal requirements and not doing so would negatively impact funding to Montana. 1/3/2023 - AN ACT REVISING COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE LAW TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO QUERY THE ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING PROVIDER REGISTRY AND THE COMMERCIAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF REQUIRED QUERIES					
<a href="#">SB 99</a>	John Fuller(R) SD 4	01/27/23 - Hearing 01/11/23 - Hearing Canceled 01/09/23 - Hearing Canceled		9-State Policy	Neutral
Provide for a youth health protection act 1/9/2023 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A YOUTH HEALTH PROTECTION ACT; PROHIBITING CERTAIN MEDICAL AND SURGICAL TREATMENTS TO TREAT MINORS WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA; PROHIBITING PUBLIC FUNDS, PROGRAMS, PROPERTY, AND EMPLOYEES FROM BEING USED FOR THESE TREATMENTS; PROVIDING THAT A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO VIOLATES THIS LAW COMMITS PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT; PROVIDING A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION; PROHIBITING DISCHARGE OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY VIA INSURANCE;					
<a href="#">SB 114</a>	Dennis R Lenz(R) SD 27	01/19/23 - 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed 01/19/23 - 2nd Reading Pass Motion Failed 01/19/23 - Scheduled for 2nd Reading		9-State Policy	Neutral
Eliminate anonymous reporting in child protective services cases 1/11/2023 - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE INVESTIGATION OF ANONYMOUS REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND PROVIDING					





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<b>CONFIDENTIALITY FOR REPORTERS</b>					
<a href="#">SB 116</a>	Dennis R Lenz(R) SD 27	01/23/23 - Transmitted to House 01/20/23 - 3rd Reading Passed 01/20/23 - Scheduled for 3rd Reading		9-State Policy	Neutral
Revise confidentiality provisions related to child protective services cases 1/12/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING THE DISCLOSURE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS; REQUIRING THAT CASE RECORDS BE DISCLOSED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RECEIVING A REQUEST UNLESS A COURT DETERMINES THAT DISCLOSURE IS DETRIMENTAL TO A CHILD OR OTHER PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE RECORDS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR FAILING TO DISCLOSE RECORDS WITHIN 10 DAYS OF A REQUEST; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR DISCLOSING CASE RECORDS					
<a href="#">SB 146</a>	Shane A Morigeau(D) SD 48	01/17/23 - Hearing 01/12/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically 01/11/23 - First Reading		9-State Policy	Neutral
Revise laws relating to wage transparency 1/12/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LABOR LAWS; CREATING THE WAGE OPPORTUNITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT; PROHIBITING WAGE DISCRIMINATION BY EMPLOYERS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; REQUIRING THE LISTING OF WAGE INFORMATION IN JOB POSTINGS;					
<a href="#">SB 174</a>	Wendy McKamey(R) SD 12	01/20/23 - Hearing 01/16/23 - Referred to Committee 01/13/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically		9-State Policy	Not Reviewed
Allow counties funding for broadband infrastructure 1/24/2023 - Senator Curdy would like to amend this bill to exclude school districts from the non-compete clause with private internet providers. Looking for some support for his amendment. 1/24/2023 - AN ACT ALLOWING AN AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS					