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<a href="#">HB 408</a>	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56	3:00PM 02/20/2023 House Appropriations Hearing Room 102	02/20/23 - Hearing 02/16/23 - Rereferred to Committee 02/16/23 - 2nd Reading Passed	Support

Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits

2/5/2023 - This bill increases the cap on the donations program, for both the public and private side. In addition, provides more flexibility regarding how districts can use the funds.

Here are some comments from Lance:

"We have a resolution seeking to more broadly distribute the tax credit to additional districts and to expand use to include capital equipment and facilities used to support innovative educational programs. This is a draft directed by Jones into which I have had substantial input. We definitely need to support (MTSBA, not everyone else). It is a good bill though."

"Once Espinoza was issued, no more constitutional violations. So we turned our efforts last session to ensuring that there was a public side, which we got against the wishes of the sponsor with help from Senator Salomon. Now they are increasing both sides to \$5 million and are expanding public side use for capital equipment and facilities for innovative educational programming."

2/3/2023 - "AN ACT REVISING THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION AND INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM INCOME TAX CREDITS; INCREASING THE AGGREGATE LIMITS FOR THE CREDITS; LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF DONATIONS THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY RETAIN; PROVIDING FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS THAT EXCEED A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S LIMIT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT RECEIVE ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY AID; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM"; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION;

<a href="#">HB 562</a>	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56	3:00PM 02/20/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	02/20/23 - Hearing 02/15/23 - Legal Review Note 02/15/23 - First Reading	Oppose
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Authorize establishment of community choice schools

2/18/2023 - Call to Action: Feb 20: HB 562 Background Information: Oppose - This bill would authorize the creation of charter schools authorized by a charter school and essentially unaccountable to a locally elected school board or the Board of Public Education. Charter schools authorized by their bill would not be "subject to the provisions of Title 20 or any state or local rule, regulation, policy, or procedure relating to traditional public schools within an applicable traditional local school." HB 562 would allow the charter school to contract with a for-profit education management organization or company for "substantial educational services, management services, or both."

2/18/2023 - There are major provisions that are identical or close to it compared to Rep Anderson's bill. The key distinctions come down to:

Violating Montana Constitution on: Board of Public Education general supervision, Local school board supervision and control Qualified elector status and the "tree house" election provided in the bill.

Blanket exemption from Title 20 (see my list at the end of the bill).

Virtual charter school that could basically destroy rural schools and that could attach itself to and pull funding from every school district in the state.

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<a href="#">HB 533</a>	Ed Stafman(D) HD 62	9:00AM 02/21/2023 House Taxation Hearing Room 152	02/21/23 - Hearing 02/15/23 - First Reading 02/15/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
<p>Prohibit discrimination by nonpublic school receiving tax credit scholarships</p> <p>2/18/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS; PROHIBITING QUALIFIED EDUCATION PROVIDERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE TAX-BENEFITED SCHOLARSHIPS FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN VIEWPOINTS RELATED TO RACE, RELIGION, OR CULTURE; REQUIRING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF QUALIFIED EDUCATION PROVIDERS</p>				
<a href="#">HB 549</a>	Fred Anderson(R) HD 20	3:00PM 02/20/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	02/20/23 - Hearing 02/16/23 - First Reading 02/16/23 - Referred to Committee	Support
<p>Authorizing establishment of public charter schools</p> <p>2/18/2023 - CAMPS to Support - This bill was drafted with the support and consensus by the partners of the Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools. The Board of Public Education would be responsible for evaluating charter proposals and evaluating nonrenewal or closure. A charter school not governed by the local school board would be required to create a governing board that is publicly elected and composed of a majority of members being qualified electors of the county in which the school is located. Supporting this bill to ensure locally elected school boards govern charter schools is consistent with MTSBA Principles and Guidelines (pg 2 of legislative platform). MTSBA will testify on behalf of the Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public School (SAM, MREA, MQEC, MASBO, MTSBA).</p> <p>2/5/2023 - Draft Bill as of Feb 1: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rzDOEznjpU9euH7ee9yR5uhHPHB2TFnZ/view?usp=share_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rzDOEznjpU9euH7ee9yR5uhHPHB2TFnZ/view?usp=share_link</a></p> <p>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.</p>				
<a href="#">SB 315</a>	Mary Ann Dunwell(D) SD 42	3:00PM 02/20/2023 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	02/20/23 - Hearing 02/10/23 - Referred to Committee 02/10/23 - Fiscal Note Requested	Neutral
<p>Provide for comprehensive sex, gender, and sexuality education in public schools</p> <p>2/18/2023 - SAM to remain neutral. This bill would stipulate curriculum. This type of decision should be the role of BPE and local trustees - not the legislature. Same argument we used for the Science bill.</p> <p>2/13/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS REGARDING HEALTH EDUCATION; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR COMPREHENSIVE PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION AND COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION; AUTHORIZING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE CONSENT EDUCATION; AUTHORIZING STUDENTS TO OPT OUT OF COMPREHENSIVE PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION AND COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION; AUTHORIZING INDIVIDUALS TO REVIEW COMPREHENSIVE PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION AND COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULA;</p>				
<a href="#">SB 337</a>	Theresa Manzella(R) SD 44	3:00PM 02/20/2023 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	02/20/23 - Hearing 02/15/23 - Referred to Committee 02/14/23 - First Reading	Oppose
<p>Generally revise parental rights laws</p> <p>2/18/2023 - CAMPS to Oppose - This bill revises laws involving parental rights and includes new sections of law requiring</p>				



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<p>additional school district policies covering procedures of informing parents, requires written opt-in for human sexuality instruction, amends compulsory attendance code, amends interference with fundamental parental rights restricted cause of action code, among other changes. ?? will testify on behalf of the Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public School (SAM, MREA, MQEC, MASBO, MTSBA).</p> <p>2/16/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS INVOLVING PARENTAL RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION; PROVIDING THAT PARENTS MAY WITHDRAW THEIR CHILD FROM HARMFUL SCHOOL INSTRUCTION; PROVIDING THAT PARENTS SHALL PROVIDE PRIOR CONSENT IF THEY WANT THEIR CHILD TO RECEIVE SCHOOL INSTRUCTION REGARDING HUMAN SEXUALITY; PROVIDING THAT PARENTS MAY HAVE THEIR CHILD EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES; ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING THAT, EXCEPT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES ARE PROHIBITED FROM WITHHOLDING CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM PARENTS</p>				

<a href="#">SB 373</a>	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47	3:00PM 02/20/2023 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	02/20/23 - Hearing 02/16/23 - First Reading 02/16/23 - Referred to Committee	Support with amendments
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Provide for alternative teacher credentialing

2/18/2023 - CAMPS will Support with amendments- This bill provides flexibility in teacher licensure, similar to those updated in Chapter 57 of ARM this past year. This bill is connected with MTSBA gap analysis (pg 3 of legislative platform) to support recruitment and retention efforts. MREA will speak on behalf of the Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public School (SAM, MREA, MQEC, MASBO, MTSBA).

Lance is working with lobbyist and bill sponsor on amendments that would allow MUS, Teacher Prep programs an option to provide these alternative programs.

2/17/2023 - What the bill is proposing is already allowed in accreditation standards - as long as an individual achieved certification in this alternative manner in a different state and then transferred into Montana. We would like to amend that bill so that our local teacher prep programs could develop their own alternative prep programs.

2/17/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION; ESTABLISHING ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CREDENTIALING; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS SEEKING ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALING AND FOR ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION;

<a href="#">HB 482</a>	Jane Gillette(R) HD 64	3:00PM 02/22/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	02/22/23 - Hearing 02/16/23 - Hearing Canceled 02/13/23 - First Reading	Under Review
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Provide access to education and supports for children aging out of foster care

2/18/2023 - This bill may not impact K-12 students - under review.

2/18/2023 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA FOSTER YOUTH HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE."

<a href="#">SB 306</a>	Brad Molnar(R) SD 28	3:00PM 02/22/2023 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	02/22/23 - Hearing 02/17/23 - Hearing 02/13/23 - Hearing Canceled	Oppose
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Revise education laws related to extracurricular activities

2/18/2023 - CAMPS to Oppose: This bill impacts MHSA, this bill would prohibit the use of accreditation status as a condition of membership in MHSA for extracurricular activities.

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<p>MHSA for extracurricular activities. Currently scheduled for both Feb 17 and Feb 22, Chair Salomon said in Committee it would be scheduled next week but we are waiting for the update online.</p> <p>2/13/2023 - This bill would expand previous law that allowed non-public, homeschool students to participate in extra curricular activities. This bill would allow a non-accredited school to participate in MHSA activities.</p> <p>2/13/2023 - AN ACT REVISING EDUCATION LAWS RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; PROHIBITING THE USE OF ACCREDITATION STATUS AS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS; AMENDING SECTION 20-5-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>				
<a href="#">SB 350</a>	Daniel Zolnikov(R) SD 22	3:00PM 02/22/2023 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	02/22/23 - Hearing 02/15/23 - First Reading 02/15/23 - Referred to Committee	Oppose
<p>Generally revise privacy laws related to student data</p> <p>2/18/2023 - CAMPS to Oppose: This bill creates the Student Data Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability Act. This bill is unnecessarily restrict and will prevent access to data needed to improve instruction and meet the goals of personalized learning.</p> <p>2/16/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO STUDENT DATA PRIVACY; ESTABLISHING THE STUDENT DATA ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; RESTRICTING ACCESS TO STUDENT DATA; REQUIRING CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT DATA; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO ACCESS OF STUDENT DATA; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; ALLOWING FOR THE RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN; ESTABLISHING DUTIES OF THE K-12 DATA TASK FORCE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY;</p> <p>2/16/2023 - This bill creates the Student Data Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability Act.</p>				
<a href="#">HB 140</a>	Llew Jones(R) HD 18	11:00AM 02/20/2023 Senate Legislative Administration Hearing Room	02/20/23 - Hearing 01/26/23 - First Reading 01/26/23 - Referred to Committee	No Position
<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 508</a>	Jedediah Hinkle(R) HD 67	9:00AM 02/22/2023 House Taxation Hearing Room 152	02/22/23 - Hearing 02/14/23 - Sponsor List Modified 02/14/23 - First Reading	Oppose
<p>Allow option to vote in school district elections</p> <p>2/18/2023 - This bill would allow someone who is not a resident within school district boundaries, but owns real property, within the school district to be eligible to vote in school district bond and levy elections. MREA will testify on behalf of the Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public School (SAM, MREA, MQEC, MASBO, MTSBA).</p> <p>2/16/2023 - This bill would allow someone who is not a resident within school district boundaries, but owns real property, within the school district to be eligible to vote in school district bond and levy elections.</p> <p>2/16/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO VOTERS IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT</p>				



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<b>CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO OWN REAL PROPERTY IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY VOTE IN AN ELECTION ON A BOND OR A LEVY</b>				

<a href="#">SB 332</a>	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	3:00PM 02/22/2023 Senate Local Government Hearing Room 405	02/22/23 - Hearing 02/14/23 - First Reading 02/14/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically	Neutral
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Require property tax increase information to be included in budget discussions

2/16/2023 - AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON PROPERTY TAX INCREASES IN BUDGET DOCUMENTS; REQUIRING THE BUDGET RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON PROPERTY TAX INCREASES

2/16/2023 - This bill would require a government entity to include the amount by which property taxes will increase on homes valued at \$100,000, \$200,000 and \$600,000 within their preliminary budget.

<a href="#">SB 29</a>	Wendy McKamey(R) SD 12	9:00AM 02/21/2023 House State Administration Hearing Room 455	02/21/23 - Hearing 02/14/23 - First Reading 02/14/23 - Referred to Committee	Support
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Increase and Extend the PERS Supplemental Employer Contribution

2/16/2023 - SB 29 extends and increase the employer contribution increase for PERS. This bill is connected to the MTSBA gap analysis and plays a role in administrate and staff recruitment and retention. MASBO SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SENATE.

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	9:00AM 02/21/2023 House State Administration Hearing Room 455	02/21/23 - Hearing 02/14/23 - First Reading 02/14/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
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Revise administrative provisions of MPERA

2/16/2023 - SB 74 revises a number of items within the PERS system. The Coalition is working to get greater clarity of its purpose and impact from the sponsor and will remain neutral for the time being.

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



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<a href="#">HB 47</a>	Julie Dooling(R) HD 70	3:00PM 02/21/2023 Senate Energy and Telecommunications Hearing Room 317	02/21/23 - Hearing 01/26/23 - First Reading 01/26/23 - Referred to Committee	No Position
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="#">SB 343</a>	John Fuller(R) SD 4	3:00PM 02/22/2023 Senate Local Government Hearing Room 405	02/22/23 - Hearing 02/15/23 - First Reading 02/15/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
Generally revise public sector unions law related to use of taxpayer resource 2/18/2023 - AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS AND RESOURCES FOR LABOR ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES; PROHIBITING CERTAIN LABOR ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES WHILE RECEIVING COMPENSATION; PROVIDING LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING A DEFINITION; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-2-121, MCA."				
<a href="#">SB 358</a>	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	3:00PM 02/24/2023 Senate Local Government Hearing Room 405	02/24/23 - Hearing 02/16/23 - Referred to Committee 02/15/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically	Under Review
Require disclosure of taxpayer funds for lobbying by local governments/schools 2/16/2023 - AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR LOBBYING SERVICES; REQUIRING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO POST CERTAIN INFORMATION OR THE LOBBYING CONTRACT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S WEBSITE; REQUIRING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE NOTICE THAT CONTRACTS FOR LOBBYING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW IF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT MAINTAIN A WEBSITE; REQUIRING A REPORT AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS MEETING IN A REGULAR SESSION; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTS BETWEEN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS 2/16/2023 - require disclosure of taxpayer funds for lobbying by local governments/schools				