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HB 2	Llew Jones(R) HD 18	8:00AM 02/14/2023 House Joint Approps Subcom on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice Hearing Room 317A	02/17/23 - Hearing 02/16/23 - Hearing 02/16/23 - Hearing	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"

HB 393	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56	3:00PM 02/15/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	02/15/23 - Hearing 02/07/23 - Hearing Canceled 02/03/23 - Legal Review Note	Oppose
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Establish the Students with Special Needs Equal Opportunity Act

2/7/2023 - There is a legal note with this bill. May create a constitutionality concern. See:

<https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2023/LRC//HB0393.pdf>

2/7/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO ESTABLISHING THE STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT AND THE MONTANA SPECIAL NEEDS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES; PROVIDING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PARENTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; CLARIFYING THE AUTONOMY OF PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING OF SPECIAL NEEDS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS; ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL NEEDS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION SAVINGS TRUST; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION AND A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS;

HB 445	Melissa Romano(D) HD 81	3:00PM 02/13/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	02/13/23 - Hearing 02/09/23 - First Reading 02/09/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically	Support
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Establish mentoring program for new teachers

2/9/2023 - This bill seeks to create a statewide mentoring program with appropriation. Nexus started with MSU mentoring program. Concern about how it will be funded. Also concerned about lack of connection to OPI. Admin to be handled by Commissioner of Higher Ed.

2/9/2023 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT NEW TEACHERS, INCREASE TEACHER RETENTION, AND ENHANCE EDUCATION FOR MONTANA STUDENTS; PROVIDING PROGRAM PARAMETERS AND DUTIES FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION; INCLUDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION



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HB 252	Jonathan Karlen(D) HD 96	1:00PM 02/13/2023 Second Reading House Floor	02/07/23 - Reconsidered Previous Action; Placed on 2nd Reading 02/06/23 - 2nd Reading Not Passed 02/06/23 - Scheduled for 2nd Reading	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>				
HB 334	Laurie Bishop(D) HD 60	1:00PM 02/13/2023 Second Reading House Floor	02/09/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed 02/08/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed 01/30/23 - Hearing	Neutral
<p>Revise school attendance laws to address student mental health needs</p> <p>1/30/2023 - We believe that most schools would already likely excuse a student who had a need to address mental health issues.</p> <p>1/30/2023 - AN ACT ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ADDING "MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS" TO THE REASONS A CHILD MAY BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AND EXCUSED FROM COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE; AMENDING SECTION 20-5-103</p>				
HB 171	David Bedey(R) HD 86	3:00PM 02/15/2023 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	02/15/23 - Hearing 02/07/23 - Rereferred to Committee 02/06/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
<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 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>				
HB 147	Jane Gillette(R) HD 64	3:00PM 02/15/2023 Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Hearing Room 317	02/15/23 - Hearing 02/06/23 - Referred to Committee 02/03/23 - First Reading	Neutral
<p>Enhance Medicaid rates for certain children's mental health services</p>				



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<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>				
HB 321	Linda Reksten(R) HD 12	1:00PM 02/13/2023 Second Reading House Floor	02/09/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed 02/09/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed 02/01/23 - Hearing	Support
<p>Generally revise laws related to the coal trust</p> <p>1/31/2023 - This bill would fulfill the school facilities trust within the coal trust fund to \$200 million with state general fund money, then schools will take 10% of future earnings until the school trust grows to and capped at \$300 million. MTSBA will speak on behalf of the Coalition.</p> <p>1/31/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE COAL TAX TRUST; ESTABLISHING A CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND WITHIN THE COAL TAX TRUST; ALLOCATING COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUNDS TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF COAL SEVERANCE TAXES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS; TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SCHOOL FACILITY FUND</p>				
HB 403	David Bedey(R) HD 86	3:00PM 02/13/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	02/13/23 - Hearing 02/06/23 - First Reading 02/06/23 - Referred to Committee	Oppose
<p>Generally revise laws concerning fees for teacher and specialist certificates</p> <p>2/10/2023 - Concern with how much fees will rise. Currently \$30 every 5 years. Will go up to \$125 every 5 years.</p> <p>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.</p>				
SB 129	Russel (Russ) Tempel(R) SD 14	3:00PM 02/13/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	02/13/23 - Hearing 02/07/23 - First Reading 02/07/23 - Referred to Committee	Support
<p>Revise laws related to compulsory attendance</p> <p>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)</p> <p>I will tailor my testimony to highlight important points already made but I will ensure that the following points are made:</p> <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>				



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<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>				
HB 394	Jonathan Windy Boy(D) HD 32	3:00PM 02/13/2023 House Energy, Technology and Federal Relations Hearing Room 472	02/13/23 - Hearing 02/06/23 - First Reading 02/06/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
<p>Require examination of creation of state-tribal education accord schools</p>				
<p>2/10/2023 - This bill would create a state-tribal education accord to establish a governing body for each participating tribe with school districts.</p>				
<p>2/10/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE EDUCATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN AND THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MONTANA AND THE TRIBAL NATIONS LOCATED IN MONTANA; ESTABLISHING A COLLABORATIVE EXPLORATION OF THE CREATION OF STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION ACCORDS AND STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION ACCORD SCHOOLS; PROVIDING DUTIES FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND A TIMELINE FOR THE PROJECT; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING A DEFINITION</p>				
HB 395	Jonathan Windy Boy(D) HD 32	3:00PM 02/13/2023 House Energy, Technology and Federal Relations Hearing Room 472	02/13/23 - Hearing 02/06/23 - First Reading 02/06/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
<p>Improve school district consultation with American Indian tribes</p>				
<p>2/10/2023 - This bill would create a new section of law to require "meaningful consultation" with tribal governments serving significant with student populations made up of 50% or more identifying as American Indian. Meaningful consultation would include ongoing opportunities for tribes and parents to review and make recommendations on district education program and actives, use of Indian Education For All and American Indian Student Achievement funding, and efforts to ensure American Indian children benefit from educational programming, among other requirements.</p>				
<p>2/10/2023 - AN ACT ENSURING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR TRIBAL CONSULTATION TO ENHANCE THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVING SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN TO CONSULT WITH TRIBES; ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE CONSULTATION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS</p>				
HB 458	Fred Anderson(R) HD 20	3:00PM 02/15/2023 House Education Hearing Room 137	02/15/23 - Hearing 02/10/23 - First Reading 02/10/23 - Referred to Committee	Under Review
<p>Generally revise regulations governing the eligibility of career coaches</p>				
<p>2/10/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO CAREER COACHES; PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF "CAREER COACH"; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR A CAREER COACH; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-1-101, MCA</p>				



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HB 222	Tom Welch(R) HD 72	3:00PM 02/14/2023 Senate Finance and Claims Hearing Room 303	02/14/23 - Hearing 02/06/23 - Referred to Committee 02/03/23 - Revised Fiscal Note Printed	Neutral

Provide rebates of property taxes paid on a principal residence

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;

SB 251	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	9:00AM 02/15/2023 Senate Taxation Hearing Room 405	02/15/23 - Hearing 02/02/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically 02/01/23 - First Reading	Neutral
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Sunset or reapprove existing voter-approved property tax levies

2/10/2023 - All school levies have been removed from the requirements of this bill. CAMPS will monitor.

2/10/2023 - AN ACT TERMINATING CERTAIN VOTED MILL LEVIES UNLESS THEY ARE EXTENDED BEFORE THE TERMINATION DATE; PROVIDING THE DATE ON WHICH CERTAIN LEVIES TERMINATE; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE TERMINATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-10-425, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE

SB 291	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	9:00AM 02/15/2023 Senate Taxation Hearing Room 405	02/15/23 - Hearing 02/08/23 - First Reading 02/08/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
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Revise threshold for approval for certain bond elections

2/10/2023 - This bill does not apply to school bonds.

2/10/2023 - AN ACT REVISING THE THRESHOLD FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN BOND ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-7-4235, 7-15-4218, 7-31-110, 67-11-303, AND 76-15-506, MCA

SB 292	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	9:00AM 02/15/2023 Senate Taxation Hearing Room 405	02/15/23 - Hearing 02/08/23 - First Reading 02/08/23 - Referred to Committee	Oppose
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Revising the threshold for approval of a mill levy election

2/10/2023 - (A) 40% or more, the levy is considered approved and adopted if a majority of the votes cast were in favor of the levy. If less than a majority, the levy is considered rejected.

(B) more than 30% but less than 40%, the levy is considered approved and adopted if 60% or more of the votes cast were in favor of the levy. If less than 60%, the levy is considered rejected.

(C) 30% or less, the levy is considered rejected

2/10/2023 - AN ACT REVISING THE THRESHOLD FOR APPROVAL OF A MILL LEVY ELECTION; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-4431, 7-14-1134, 7-16-2102, 7-16-2109, 7-22-2142, 7-32-235, 15-10-425, 20-9-353, 20-9-502, AND 20-9-533, MCA



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HB 226	Terry Moore(R) HD 54	3:00PM 02/13/2023 House Appropriations Hearing Room 102	02/13/23 - Hearing 02/08/23 - Hearing Canceled 02/08/23 - Revised Fiscal Note Received	Oppose
<p>Generally revise pension laws</p> <p>2/10/2023 - This bill passed Second Reading by a margin of 72-26. This is a bill revises laws regarding PERS including providing for an actuarially determined contribution and changing the default retirement plan to the public employees' defined contribution plan. This bill is directly connected to our platform through our efforts to recruit and retain high quality educators and administrators. MASBO and MREA spoke on behalf of the Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public School</p> <p>2/8/2023 - CAMPS won't contribute any testimony in House Appropriations.</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. Also opposed because it changes to default to a defined contribution plan rather than a defined benefit plan.</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>				
HB 175	Edward Buttrey(R) HD 21	1:00PM 02/13/2023 Third Reading Senate Floor	02/10/23 - 2nd Reading Concurred 02/10/23 - Scheduled for 2nd Reading 02/08/23 - Committee Report--Bill Concurred	Neutral
<p>Amend state ARPA funding session law</p> <p>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.)</p>				
HB 293	Ron Marshall(R) HD 87	1:00PM 02/13/2023 Third Reading House Floor	02/10/23 - 2nd Reading Passed 02/10/23 - Scheduled for 2nd Reading 02/07/23 - Printed - New Version Available	No Position
<p>Generally revise alternative nicotine and vapor product laws relating to tobacco</p> <p>2/1/2023 - While schools are not mentioned in this bill, school will be impacted. The bill seeks to separate vapor products from tobacco and make it legal for 18y/o to purchase vapor products. While still disallowed in schools under 20 code, if this bill passes, it will be easier for 18y/o students to access vapor products. According to YRBS, vast majority of minors get vapor products from family members or friends.</p> <p>2/1/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE AND VAPOR PRODUCTS; ESTABLISHING THAT ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE AND VAPOR PRODUCTS ARE SEPARATE FROM TOBACCO REGULATIONS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR LICENSURE AND FEES; PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS ON SALES TO PERSONS UNDER 18 AND ON CERTAIN OTHER SALES; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL PENALTIES.</p>				
HB 414	Ed Stafman(D) HD 62	8:00AM 02/14/2023 House Judiciary Hearing Room 137	02/14/23 - Hearing 02/07/23 - First Reading 02/07/23 - Referred to Committee	Under Review
<p>Allow local governments to use red light cameras</p>				



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<p>2/10/2023 - SAM member mentioned this bill during a SAM update. Municipalities may be looking for some assistance with support for this bill, specifically how it may impact school zones. Also maybe an addition to this bill to include cameras on stop arms.</p> <p>2/10/2023 - AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE OF CERTAIN AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 61-8-203 AND 61-8-206, MCA</p>				
HB 412	David Bedey(R) HD 86	9:00AM 02/14/2023 House State Administration Hearing Room 455	02/14/23 - Hearing 02/07/23 - First Reading 02/07/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
<p>Generally revise code of ethics for public officials and government employees</p> <p>2/10/2023 - It appears that this bill just moves existing language into new section. No additional exemptions for school employees.</p> <p>2/10/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE CODE OF ETHICS; EXPANDING THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES; EXPANDING PORTIONS OF THE CODE OF ETHICS TO JUDICIAL OFFICERS; PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE GREAT SEAL OR OFFICIAL STATE LETTERHEAD FOR CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS</p>				