

AEA BILL TRACKING

Priority House Bills

HB2088 schools; assessments; surveys; informed consent (Finchem)

AEA OPPOSED

Prohibits public schools from administering specified assessments or surveys to students without notifying and obtaining written informed consent from parents and prescribes penalties for violations.

- Amended to address concerns bill, current version is an improvement but still creates severe burdens and barriers for use of data.
- Senate floor amendment being discussed, but concerned making bill better improves chances of it passing without changing the biggest problems

Status: HELD in Senate Majority Caucus 3/23

HB2190 education; omnibus (Boyer)

NEUTRAL

Repeals and amends multiple sections of Title 15.

- Bill is intended to implement the recommendations of ADE's Title 15 Review Committee, need to monitor closely for amendments.
- Several amendments in Senate ED passed - nothing controversial

Status: Out of Rules - Ready for Senate Caucus

HB2401 schools; DESEG funding; phase down (Leach) [SB1125]

AEA OPPOSED

Phases down the ability of a school district, in unitary status, to levy taxes for desegregation by annually beginning in FY18, eliminating that ability by FY22 and requires a ten-year phase down once a district reaches unitary status.

Status: Retained on House COW calendar 3 times now - has not been posted since Monday 2/29 but since the bill was not voted on, always possible it can re-emerge.

HB2480 (NOW: additional state aid; maximum amount) (Olson)

AEA OPPOSES

Limits amount of Additional State Aid to school districts to offset the 1% cap to \$1.5 million per county.

- FY16 budget added language limiting ASA to \$1 million per county

Status: Passed Senate FIN 3-2 (Farley, Pancrazi) - Ready for Rules

HB 2482 empowerment scholarships; expansion phase-in (Olson)[SB1279]

AEA OPPOSED

Phases in ESA eligibility to all public school students by 2019. K-5 eligible in FY17, K-8 in FY18

Status: Retained on House COW calendar 3 times now - has not been posted since Tuesday 3/1 but since the bill was not voted on, always possible it can re-emerge.

HB2484 estimates; state budget; notice (Olson)

AEA OPPOSED

Requires JLBC to calculate a truth-in-spending estimate for the state budget and a published statement if the House or Senate propose/adopt a budget exceeding that estimate.

Status: Out of Rules - Ready for Senate Caucus

HB2551 schools; bonds; overrides; funding sources (Lawrence)

AEA OPPOSED

Requires a statement with the total dollar amount per pupil school districts received from all funding sources (federal, state, and local), including capital and non-capital, in the previous fiscal year to be included on bond and override publicity pamphlets sent to voters.

- Measure is intended to depress voter support bonds & overrides

Status: FAILED in House 27-32

HB2620 education; certification renewal fees (COLEMAN)

AEA SUPPORTS

Removes the dollar amounts limiting how much SBE can charge for certificate renewal.

- ADE is unable to staff Certification Unit, partially due to inability to raise fees, they are down from 28 employees to 17.
- ADE & SBE is amenable to an amendment requiring the fees be adopted at a public meeting.
- Amended in Senate ED putting range back in but up to \$30 requiring a Prop 108

Status: Passed Senate ED 3-2 (Smith, Yee) – Ready for Rules (3/28)

HCR 2009 independent redistricting commission; elected membership (Petersen)

AEA OPPOSED

Directs the members of the IRC to be elected rather than appointed.

Status: Passed Senate GOV 4-3 (Contreras, Meza, Quezada) – Ready for Rules

HCR2023 proposition 105; legislative authority (Thorpe)

AEA OPPOSED

Subject to voter approval, allows the Legislature to amend, supersede or divert funds from an approved ballot initiative or referendum by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

- Currently, Prop 105 (voter protection) only allows the Legislature, by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote, to amend, supersede or transfer funds authorized by voters if it furthers the purpose of the measure.
- This would open the door for future Legislatures to override the will of the voters and puts measures such as First Things First and Prop 301 at risk.

Status: Passed Senate GOV 4-3 (Contreras, Quezada, Meza) – Ready for Rules

HCR2043 initiative; referendum; vote percentage requirements (Mesnard)

AEA OPPOSED

Upon voter approval, allows the Legislature to revise a ballot initiative or referendum measure approved 2016 or later if they approve the revision by a greater percentage than initiative or referendum. For measures approved by two-thirds of the votes cast, the revision must further the purpose.

- See HCR 2023, although slightly different both measures seek to place legislative prerogative over the will of the voters.

Status: Passed Senate FMFR 4-3 (Bradley, Cajero-Bedford, Sherwood) – Ready for Rules

Priority Senate Bills

SB1113 student loans; teachers; appropriation (Allen)

AEA SUPPORTS

Appropriates \$250,000 to the Postsecondary Commission for the existing Math, Science and Special Education Student Loan Fund in FY2017.

- Amendment modifies where recipients may teach to meet service requirement to those areas experiencing a teacher shortage instead of rural or urban areas as determined by the SPI.
- Program was defunded during recession, established under Napolitano to address teacher shortage (\$2 million) May be included in budget

Status: Passed House Approps unanimously – Ready for Rules

SB 1125 schools; desegregation funding; phase-down (Lesko)[HB2401]

AEA OPPOSED

Phases down the ability of a school district, in unitary status, to levy taxes for desegregation by annually beginning in FY18, eliminating that ability by FY22 and requires a ten-year phase down once a district reaches unitary status.

- Never advanced to Floor – waiting for HB2401

Status: Ready for Senate Floor

SB1208 teacher certification; reciprocity (Allen)

NEUTRAL

Exempts out-of-state teachers in good standing eligible for reciprocity from AZ specific requirements (SEI, AZ/US Constitution etc)

- Senate Floor Amendment - lengthens time between renewals (10 years) and limits the annual amount of required continuing ed credits to 15 and limits the US/AZ requirements to related teaching fields and requires SEI only for teachers teaching SEI classes. Also, removes requirement for teachers who haven't taught for 10 or more years to take the proficiency exam.
- Currently have agreement to amend on House floor to do following:
 - Blanket waiver of SEI, AZ/US Constitution & Professional Knowledge/Subject matter exams removed.
 - Waives Professional Knowledge/Subject matter exams **ONLY IF** teacher seeking reciprocity passed their home state's Professional Knowledge/Subject matter exams
 - AZ/US Constitution requirement will return to current statutory language
 - Renewal period will go from 10 years to 8 years

Status: Passed House COW – Ready for 3rd Read (3/28)

SB1279 empowerment scholarships; expansion; phase-in (Lesko) [HB2482]

S/E empowerment scholarships; eligibility

AEA OPPOSED

Phases ESA eligibility to all public school students by 2019. K-5 eligible in FY17, K-8 in FY18.

S/E Expands ESA eligibility to students meeting eligibility requirements for the corporate "low-income" STO scholarship – 185% of Free or Reduced Lunch income eligibility level

Status: Passed House Approps 8-5 (Cardenas, Mach, Alston, Fernandez, Meyer) – Ready for Rules

SB 1280 empowerment scholarship accounts; eligibility; administration (Lesko)

AEA OPPOSED

Expands allowable uses for ESA funds to include: tuition for vocational/life skills, associated services including ed and psychological evaluation, assistive tech rentals and Braille translation services and uniforms. Expands eligibility to siblings of existing recipients

- Amended on the floor to specify ADE approves ESA curriculum; further expands ESA eligibility to include a child of a parent who is blind, deaf or hard of hearing.
- Bill includes ADE administrative fixes - need to monitor for further expansion language in House
- Moving to amend ADE provisions on to SB1457 and kill on floor - more difficult with S/E on SB1279

Status: Passed House COW - Ready for 3rd Read

SB1313 teachers; alternative certification application (Allen)

S/E state board; superintendent; powers; duties [SB1416]

AEA OPPOSED to underlying bill/NEUTRAL on S/E

Underlying bill: Allows A and B schools to apply to SBE for the ability to certify their own teachers. Links ability to be certified to student performance. Applicants receive a standard certificate.

- De-professionalizes teachers, NO support for this concept from education community. Governor's Classroom's First Council considered and discarded this idea due to the lack of support and public opposition. Chamber/All A's for AZ bill

S/E Amendment: Delineates and clarifies authority and responsibilities of the State Board of Education (SBE) and Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI)/ADE placing policy decisions with SBE and administrative functions with SPI/ADE where there was confusion or conflicts.

Status: Passed Senate 17-13 - Assigned to House ED - Chairman committed to not hearing bill S/E amendment on House ED 3/16 - HELD

SB1376 school districts; consolidation; letter grades (Smith)

NEUTRAL

Allows A & B school districts to consolidate with another school district regardless of location. Both governing boards must vote to put the issue on the ballot, 10% of the voter in each district must sign petition and both districts' voters must pass the measure. ED amendment limited consolidation for districts within 20 miles of each other.

- Amended to limit the consolidation to within 20 miles.
- Stand For Children bill they want Osborn to take over Murphy. Maintains local control process and voter will.

Status: Passed House COW - Ready for 3rd Read

SB1416 SBE; SPI; powers; duties (Dial)

NEUTRAL

Clarifies the authority of the SBE and the SPI with regards to employees, certification, program management and other areas. Floor amendment makes further clarifications.

- Proponents still looking for bill to put this on

Status: Assigned to Approps 3/17 - may be S/E or underlying bill - Is not on 3/23 agenda

SB1430 schools; achievement profiles; improvement plans (Allen)

ADE SUPPORTS

Makes changes to the A-F letter grade calculations, takes specificity out of statute and adds multiple measures.

Status: Passed House COW – Ready for 3rd Read (3/28)

SB1455 S/E statewide assessments; parental opt-out (Allen)

ADE OPPOSED

Bill reverted to original opt-out language on floor (identical to Rep. Ackerley’s HB2058) but still included problematic provisions which conflict with ESSA.

Status: Failed Senate 3rd Read 11-18 *BUT* it is eligible for reconsideration if they get the votes

SB1457 empowerment scholarships; persons with disabilities (Bradley)

ADE OPPOSED

Establishes a process, using independent evaluators, to determine whether SPED ESA students qualify for transition services past the age of 18.

Status: Passed House ED unanimously – Ready for Rules

SB1502 CTE instructors; specialized teaching (Yee)

NEUTRAL

Requires the SBE to issue a teaching certificate to CTE instructors if they meet specific criteria. Waives SEI, AZ/US Constitution & proficiency exams.

- Floor amendment makes this a separate, optional certificate and removes the waiver of requirements.

Status: Out of Rules – Ready for House Caucus

SB1516 campaign finance amendments (Driggs)

AEA OPPOSED

Makes numerous changes to campaign finance statutes, including increasing contribution limits, expands exemptions to those limits and to campaign expenditures.

Status: Out of Caucus – Ready for Floor (3/28)

SB1519 early ballots; collection; receipt (Dial)

S/E schools; vision screening

NEUTRAL

Requires a receipt for early collection of ballots

S/E: HB2065 being struck onto bill

Status: Passed House Approps unanimously – Ready for Rules

Signed by Governor

HB 2023 delivery; early ballots; limitation (Ugenti-Rita)

AEA OPPOSED

Prohibits collecting early ballots (voted or unvoted) from another person unless the person is family or household member, caregiver, an election official, postal worker and through the acreage system of voting. Establishes any violation as a Class 6 Felony.

Status: Signed by Governor 3/9/16

HB2544 schools; statewide achievement assessment; menu (Boyer) [SB1321]

AEA SUPPORTS

Requires SBE to adopt multiple statewide assessments, LEAs can select which test to use. Includes some mandates on vendors related to cost and quality.

- Will reduce duplicative testing but can't be implemented as drafted. Proponents just want something passed and will need to address again next year.
- Option is allowed for HS under ESSA - USDOE regulations will impact changes for next year.
- Amendment delays implementation until 17-18 school year to allow for DOE rules

Status: Substituted for SB1321 on 3rd read - Signed by Governor 3/14/16

SB1117 school districts; adjacent ways; verification (Dial)

No Position

Directs the School Facilities Board to verify adjacent ways funded projects exceeding \$50,000.

Status: Signed by Governor 3/21/16

SB1322 community colleges; expenditure limitation (Allen)

AEA SUPPORTS

Allows community colleges to use new baseline data in calculating their expenditure limit

- Bill is a result with CC working with Sen. Allen Option is allowed for HS under ESSA - USDOE regulations will impact changes for next year.
- Facing opposition in the House - coordinating with CC lobbyists

Status: Signed by the Governor 3/24/16

SB1487 state law; local violations; penalties (Biggs)

No Position

Authorizes the Attorney General to investigate and determine if local government ordinances violate state law, upon complaint of a legislator or the Governor. If a violation is found, the state may withhold urban revenue sharing distributions and redistribute the revenue to other local recipients.

Status: Signed by Governor 3/17/16

SB 1525 education; emergency clause; JTED restoration and reforms (Shooter, Biggs) [HB2642]

AEA SUPPORTS

Repeals JTED FY17 reduction and requires additional audits, accountability measures and reporting. Establishes CTE Task Force and limits attendance of adult students.

- Agreement negotiated between all JTEDs (except EVIT) & leadership. SB was amended and did not match House bill, this bill was rushed through the House.

Status: Signed by Governor 2/17/16

PSPRS Reform Package (SB1428, SB1429 & SCR1019)

Signed by Governor 2/16/16

Monitor - House Bills

HB2008 extracurricular activity credit; optional fees (Norgaard)

AEA OPPOSED

Allows ECA funds to be used for activities with voluntary participation fees. This would now include voluntary fees as well as mandatory fees such as Book Club and Drama Club.

- Amended in Senate Finance to add a Retroactivity clause - from and after December 31, 2015.

Status: Ready for Senate Rules

HB2029 small school districts; high schools (Borrelli)

No Position

Increases the student count from 100 to 125 for union high school districts to levy a small school adjustment.

- S/E amendment allows high school district to levy small school weight in FY16 & FY17 if they qualified in FY15

Status: Passed Senate ED 6-1 - Approps 3/18

HB2054 debt limitations; net assessed value (Mitchell)

No Position

Directs JTEDs, school districts, counties, cities & towns to base bonded indebtedness on the NAV of the full cash value of all properties within their boundaries.

- Conforming statute to AG opinion

Status: Passed Senate 29-0 - Ready for House Final Read

HB2104 ASRS; retention of credited service (Lovas)

AEA SUPPORTS

Allows employees exempt from ASRS membership due to Social Security regulations but whose employer made contributions on their behalf to retain credited service. Contains ER clause.

- ASRS bill to address specific employee issue

Status: F Passed Senate 29-0 - Ready for House Final Read

HB2111 zero-based budgeting (Petersen)

AEA OPPOSES

Defines "zero-based budgeting" and directs JLBC to identify agencies required to prepare and submit a zero-based budget.

- This type of budgeting doesn't contemplate past spending/revenue and requires agency to justify budget needs.

Status: Out of Caucus - Ready for Senate Floor

HB 2160 ASRS; eligible rollovers (Thorpe)

No position

Allows direct transfers from an IRA into ASRS.

Status: Ready for Senate Floor

HB2191 (NOW: employee scheduling; state preemption) (Finchem)

S/E amendment makes employee scheduling a matter of statewide concern by prohibiting cities, towns and counties from requiring an employer to alter or adjust any employee scheduling the change is required to satisfy state or federal law.

Status: Passed Senate COW – Ready for 3rd Read

HB2228 high schools; academic growth awards (Bolding)

No position

Requires the SBE, subject to available funds, to present awards to public high schools demonstrating the highest academic growth. Awards must be comparable to athletic trophies. Awards must be granted to high schools in each classification used for interscholastic athletic competition (based on size). Subject to appropriation (\$500)

Status: Passed Senate ED 6-1 – Ready for Rules

HB2234 schools; audits; county school superintendent (Boyer)

No position

Directs copies of the annual audits conducted on school district be sent to the county superintendent as well as the auditor general.

Status: Passed Senate COW

HB2245 schools; cellular telephone tower workers (Borrelli)

No position

Requires workers servicing cell phone towers on property owned or leased by a public school to sign in at the school's office and provide identification.

- Cell companies oppose – Districts trying to work out compromise

Status: Passed CWD & GOV unanimously, ED 5-1 (Bradley) – Ready for Rules

HB2294 charter schools; special education funding (Boyer)

No position

Allows charter schools to apply for extraordinary special needs funding from ADE. Currently, only school districts may apply.

- Program has not been funded since 2001 when similar funding available from IDEA became available; schools may apply if they have out of the ordinary expenses due to services they must provide to a student/s. It mostly benefits smaller districts whose SPED program is small.

Status: Passed Senate COW – Ready for 3rd Read

HB2352 teachers; human trafficking; continuing education (Carter)

AEA SUPPORTS

Requires SBE to adopt rules to allow certified teachers and administrators to count human trafficking awareness and prevention training programs as continuing education credits.

Status: Out of Caucus – Ready for Senate Floor

HB2435 (NOW: school districts; transportation repayment; extension) (Stevens)

Allows school districts meeting certain requirements to correct an overpayment of transportation funding, due to overstating route miles, over a 3-year period.

- Mercy legislation – unsure which district this is for

Status: House Final Read 54-4 – Ready for Governor

HB2437 ADE; technology; reports (Stevens)

No Position

Removes the requirement for the SBE to approve the development, implementation and expenditures for ADE's data system (AELAS). Also removes authority for the Data Governance Commission (DGC) to provide recommendations on technology spending.

- ADE bill

Status: Out of Caucus – Ready for Senate Floor (3/28)

HB2476 school property; sales; leases; use (Norgaard)

No position

Repeals and replaces ARS 15-1102 relating to the sale or lease of school property.

- ASBA/ASBO supports – provides flexibility
- Addresses Kyrene issue

Status: Passed Senate COW – Ready for 3rd Read

HB2478 (NOW: qualifications; county school superintendents) (Petersen)

No Position

Removes the requirement for county school superintendents hold an Arizona teaching certificate.

Status: Passed Senate COW – Ready for 3rd Read

HB2481 schools; primary property tax rates (Olson)

NEUTRAL

Requires school districts tax levies to be the lesser of the QTR or DSL and eliminates the 4% cap on budget balance carryforward.

- ASBO/ASBA worked the bill to where it is, benefit of getting rid of the \$5 cap outweighs the other provisions.

Status: Passed Senate COW – Ready for 3rd Read

HB2518 schools; auxiliary operations fund; accounts (Boyer)

No Position

Underlying bill allows Auxiliary Fund revenue to be deposited in more than one account.

- S/E amendment for Senate ED – exempts fruits and vegetables grown in school gardens from DHS regulations

Status: Out of Rules – Ready for Senate Floor

HB2570 local government bonds; ballot statement (Allen)

No Position

Modifies required ballot language for bond elections held by political subdivisions (including school districts).

- Introduced bill contained onerous provisions – ASBA/ASBO worked to make it acceptable.

Status: Senate COW 3/23

HB2579 nonwage compensation; minimum wage (Mesnard)

AEA OPPOSED

Prohibits local political subdivisions from further regulating nonwage compensation. Changes compensation definitions in labor statutes impacting all employers.

Status: Out of Rules – Ready for Senate Floor (3/28)

HB2653 K-3 reading program; administration (Norgaard)

No Position

Shifts administration of program from SBE to ADE, modifies the plan submission requirements and authorizes SBE to adopt rules and policies. Contains an emergency clause.

Status: Out of Rules – Ready for Senate Floor (3/28)

HB2665 charter schools; preference; foster children (Allen)

No Position

Establishes the Foster Youth Education Success Program to improve educational outcomes of foster children. Requires school districts and charter schools to give enrollment preference to foster children. Contains \$1.5 million GF appropriation to Governor's Office.

- Governor's bill – has wide support

Status: Passed Senate ED unanimously & HHS 5-1 (Lesko) – Ready for Rules

HB2676 tax credit; title I schools (Rivero)

AEA OPPOSED

Underlying bill establishes an individual income tax credit for donations to Title I schools and a matching grant fund at ADE.

S/E Amendment in Senate Finance relating to TPT exemptions for electricity and natural gas sale proceeds.

Status: Passed Senate FIN 4-1 (Farley) & ED 4-1 (Bradley) – Ready for Rules

Monitor – Senate Bills

SB1037 ASRS; board delegation; benefit determinations (LESKO)

AEA SUPPORTS

Allows the ASRS Board to delegate authority to take action on any appeal of a Board or OAH decision related to determination of rights, benefits or obligations, to a committee of the Board.

- ASRS bill

Status: Ready for House Floor

SB1038 ASRS; reinstatement; contribution amount (Lesko)

AEA SUPPORTS

Allows an ASRS member, upon reinstatement to state service, to redeposit contributions that ASRS paid, rather than that the member received, at the time the member's separation from service.

- ASRS bill

Status: Ready for House Floor

SB1048 ADE; appropriation; geographic literacy (Kavanagh)

No Position

Appropriates \$100,000 from the GF in FY2017 to ADE to promote geographic literacy.

Status: Passed House ED unanimously & Approps 10-2 (Allen, Petersen) – Ready for Rules

SB1055 schools; computer coding instruction (Kavanagh)

AEA OPPOSED

Mandates a minimum of one hour of computer coding instruction offered by a nationally recognized nonprofit organization (code.org) for students in grades 4-12; allows for exemptions and waivers.

- Amended to clarify instruction required only once in grades 4-12, not annually

Status: Passed House ED 4-3 (Bolding, Norgaard, Otondo) - Ready for Rules

SB1137 schools; CPR instruction (Dial) [HB2108]

NEUTRAL

Requires public schools to offer CPR instruction in high school beginning July 1, 2019. Provides flexibility in how it may be offered, including homework.

- Least prescriptive of all the bills over past 4 years

Status: Out of Caucus - Ready for House Floor

SB1144 ASRS; contributions; adjustments (Lesko)

AEA SUPPORTS

Establishes additional specifications and requirements for adjustments to ASRS contributions.

- ASRS bill

Status: Ready for House Floor

SB1151 ASRS; continuation (Lesko)

AEA SUPPORTS

Repeals and moves the continuation statutes related to the following: State Personnel Board (effective 7/1/16) and ASRS Board & Director (effective 7/1/24) and all statutes related to the ASRS system (effective 1/1/25).

- ASRS supports

Status: Ready for House Floor

SB1197 schools; cursive writing requirement (Griffin)

AEA OPPOSED

Requires instruction in cursive reading and writing be included in the minimum course of study (academic standards) for elementary schools. Competency must be demonstrated by end of 5th grade.

- Floor amendment prohibits cursive reading/writing requirement from being included in statewide assessment
- Cursive likely to be included in revised standards, which is the appropriate place not in statute.

Status: Failed House 3rd Read – Passed on Reconsideration 31-28

SB1219 S/E extracurricular and athletic activities; accessories (Begay)

AEA SUPPORTS

Prohibits public schools and interscholastic athletic associations from barring students from wearing religious/cultural accessories while participating in extracurricular or athletic activities.

- Issue arose from Flagstaff incident - Navajo students were told they couldn't play while wearing traditional hair buns.

Status: Ready for House Floor

SB1239 schools; state seal of biliteracy (Begay)

No Position

Creates State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school students who achieve proficiency in English PLUS at least one additional language; contains an Emergency Clause.

- Amended to be conditional upon available funding.

Status: Passed House COW – Ready for 3rd Read (3/28)

SB1249 common school districts; unification; budget (Shooter)

No Position

Allows an elementary school district authorized by voters to become a unified school district to continue calculating their budget as an elementary district until a high school is constructed.

- Addresses issue for Nadaburg
- S/E same subject

Status: Passed House COW – Ready for 3rd Read (3/28)

SB1269 school tax credit; classroom supplies (Griffin) [HB2151]

AEA OPPOSED

Expands the allowable expenditures for Extracurricular Tax Credit funds to classroom supplies.

Status: Ready for House Rules

SB1316 (NOW: consumer lending; regulations; licensure) (Kavanagh)

No Position

Authorizes the sale of flexible credit loans with oversight by the Department of Financial Institutions.

Status: Passed out of House 31-26 – Ready for Senate Final Read

SB1351 schools; elections; ballot arguments; exclusion (Lesko)

No Position

Requires ballot argument for a proposed bond or override be signed as the governing board without listing specific board members.

- Introduced bill allowed board members to remove their name if the voted to oppose the bond or override.

Status: Passed House Elections unanimously – Ready for Rules

SB1438 S/E computer system; software; sale; lease (Shooter)

No Position

Allows ADE to sell or lease software development, computer systems, associated services and intellectual property and deposits 60% of the proceeds in the GF. Amendment prohibits ADE from using GF monies for marketing.

Status: Passed House COW - Ready for 3rd Read

Failed/Not Moving – House Bills

HB2058 SBE; members (Townsend)

AEA SUPPORTS

Increases the number of lay members from 3 to 4 and adds a member who is an owner/administrator of a charter school to conform to the AZ Constitution.

Status: Passed House 57-0 – Assigned to Senate ED

HB2065 schools; vision screening program S/E same subject (Lawrence)

NEUTRAL

Adds vision screening to the hearing evaluation services the Department of Health Services must provide to all children no later than the first year of attendance in a public or private school.

- Amended to address stakeholder concerns.

Status: Passed House – Ready for Senate action

HB2108 schools; CPR instruction (Coleman) [SB1137]

NEUTRAL

Changes current CPR instruction from voluntary to mandatory for HS students but includes additional flexibility on how it can be delivered. Allows ECA tax credit funds to be used for this purpose.

- Current language acceptable – likely dead since it's tripled assigned

Status: Passed House 38-18 – Assigned to Senate ED, Approps & HHS

HB2151 tax credit; teachers' school supplies ((Wenninger) [SB1269]

AEA OPPOSED

Establishes an individual income tax credit (\$200/\$400) for classroom supplies purchased by teachers.

- Amended to add expenses teachers may deduct under IRS codes (Educator Expenses)
- JLBC Fiscal Notes estimates FY17 impact at \$12.9 million, FY18 at \$17.3 million

Status: Passed House 34-24 – Ready for Senate action

HB 2157 ASRS; political subdivision entities (Ugenti-Rita)

AEA OPPOSED

Prohibits prospective public employees of political subdivision entities from participating in ASRS.

- Aimed at League of Arizona Cities & Towns

Status: Passed House COW (2/11) – hasn't moved most likely dead

HB2230 high schools; college accessibility awareness

No position

Requires high schools to establish a college accessibility awareness campaign focusing on college admissions requirements and financial aid application process. Directs student report cards in grades 9-12 to include a checklist showing progress in completing college admission requirements.

Status: Passed House 35-24

HB2243 ASRS; LTD program; liability

No Position

Exempts ASRS, the Board, any Board member, agent or employee of ASRS from being held liable for actions taken within their powers and duties.

Status: Ready for House Floor

HB2354 tax credit; unified sports program (Carter)

AEA OPPOSES

Expands the use of ECA tax credits funds to unified sports programs.

Status: FAILED Senate Finance

HB2685 tax credit; early childhood education

AEA OPPOSED

Establishes an individual income tax credit (\$200/\$400) for contributions to the Early Childhood Block Grant at ADE.

- ECBG funded at approximately \$19 million but swept during the recession and never restored.

Status: Passed House ED – No movement

HB2687 appropriations; college entrance examinations (Carter)

AEA SUPPORTS

Appropriates \$3.1 million to ADE to distribute to school districts and charter schools for costs associated with 11th graders taking a nationally recognized college entrance exam.

- Would apply to ACT, SAT, AP etc, amount is probably low

Status: Passed House ED 6-1 (Otondo)

HCR2037 early childhood literacy; school monies (Borelli) [HCR2044]

AEA OPPOSED

Diverts FTF revenue to ADE to distribute \$1,162 to public schools per enrolled 3rd grade student. Remaining monies stay at FTF.

- HCR2044 almost identical measure – never assigned

Status: HELD in House ED indefinitely

HCR2040 state monies; prohibited investments; terrorism (Montenegro)

AEA OPPOSED

Prohibits state monies from being invest in entities invested in or doing business with a country that sponsors terrorism.

Status: Retained on House COW 3 times – most likely dead

Failed/Not Moving – Senate Bills

SB1115 charter school sponsors; community colleges (Allen)

No Position

Removes the current enrollment requirements for community college districts to sponsor charter schools (would allow any community college to sponsor).

Status: FAILED House 3rd Read 28-30

SB1122 universities; in-state tuition; AmeriCorps (Bradley)[HB2547]

No Position

Classifies participants in AmeriCorps and Volunteers in Service to American as in-state students for tuition purposes.

Status: Ready for House 3rd Read

SB1245 appropriation; information technology; education; certification (Allen)

AEA SUPPORTS

Appropriates \$1 million to restore IT certification program at ADE. Funds licenses for IT industry certification training for students and teachers.

Status: Passed Senate ED – Not heard in Approps

SB1287 Arizona online instruction; transfer credits (Allen)

No Position

Addresses credit transfer issues between AOI's and traditional district and charter schools.

- Bill surfaces every year as AOIs (mainly Primavera) try to force schools to accept their credits without competency testing
- Current version is still problematic for schools

Status: Failed House ED 2-5 (Bolding, Coleman, Norgaard, Otondo, Boyer)