



Education Bills to Watch 2012

Bill	Description	AMSD Position	Action
HF 1860: Woodard No Senate Bill	HF 1860 would amend current law by requiring that operating referendum levy revenue follow resident students to resident charter schools.	<p>Oppose. This proposal negatively impacts many AMSD member school districts. 21 of AMSD's 37 member school districts would lose a combined \$17 million in revenue under this legislation according to House Research and Fiscal Analysis.</p> <p>AMSD resources available on this bill: AMSD talking points, state district runs, AMSD run and AMSD special education billing impact run.</p>	HF 1860 laid over in Ed Finance on 1/24/12
SF 247: Hoppe & Dahms	SF 247 changes the requirements for participation in the Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP). Bill requires both employee and employer approval for PEIP participation and service cooperatives must notify union before giving refunds.	Support.	*SF 247 Passed the full Senate on 5/14/2011 *Passed House Ed Finance on 1/31/12
HF 1870: Petersen, B No Senate Bill	HF 1870 is commonly referred to as the Last In First Out (LIFO) bill. Allows a school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers to negotiate a plan to base unrequested leave of absence, discharge and demotions on teachers' subject matter licensure fields, their effectiveness and their seniority. Requires such a plan beginning in the 2015-16 school year.	The AMSD 2012 platform calls on the state policymakers to, "Amend the continuing contract law to ensure school districts are able to retain their most effective teachers."	*HF 1870 Laid over in Ed Reform for 2/9/12



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HF 1770: Kieffer & SF 1493: Daley	HF 1770 and SF 1493 deal with teacher candidates passing the basic skills exam. House version: Students must pass exam before initial license is granted. Senate version: Students must take the exam before entering a teacher preparation program and remediate if they do not pass but must pass exam before starting student teaching.	Support the House approach to the bill.	*SF 1493 passed Education on 1/31/12 *HF 1770 passed Ed Reform on 1/26/12
HF 1858: Quam No Senate Bill	HF 1858 requires that referendums only be held in even numbered years.	Oppose. Locally elected school boards should have the authority to schedule a referendum election.	HF 1858 is in Ed Finance
HF 973: Mariani & SF 637: Pappas	HF 973 and SF 637 allows school boards to renew an expiring operating referendum by majority vote of the school board.	Support. Included in the AMSD 2012 platform.	*HF 973 is in Ed Finance *SF 637 is in Education
HF 891: Davnie & SF 944: Torres Ray	HF 891 and SF 944 allows districts to establish an early learning program and levy for the program.	Support. Included in the AMSD 2012 platform.	*HF 891 is in Ed Finance



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Constitutional Amendments			
HF 1598:Drazkows ki & SF 1384: Kruse	HF 1598 and SF 1384 would require a three-fifths supermajority vote by each body in the MN legislature to pass a tax increase.	Oppose. AMSD resources available on this bill: Position Paper on Constitutional Amendments	*HF 1598 is in Ways and Means * SF 1384 is in Taxes
HF 1612: Downey & SF 1364:Ortman	HF 1612 and SF 1384 limit spending in the biennium to the revenues collected in the previous biennium. Excess revenue would be used for paying back shifts and costs associated with peace, safety and health related to a national security or peacetime emergency.	Oppose. AMSD resources available on this bill: Position Paper on Constitutional Amendments	*HF 1612 is in Ways and Means *
HF 1661: Hoppe & SF 1381: Howe & SF 1378: Ortman & SF 1401: Michel & SF 1383: Pederson & SF 1382: Jungbauer & SF 1380: Kruse & SF 1379: Hoffman	HF 1661, SF 1381 and SF 1378 would limit general fund spending in the biennium to 98 percent of forecasted revenues, with the remaining 2% going into reserves. Spending above 98% would require a three-fifths vote by each body in the MN legislature and could only be used for emergencies.	Oppose. AMSD resources available on this bill: Position Paper on Constitutional Amendments	*HF 1661 is in Ways and Means *All Senate Files are in Taxes