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<b>Referendum and Capital Levy</b>						
<a href="#">116</a>	Freiberg	<a href="#">109</a>	Rest	School districts authorized to renew expiring referendums by action of school board.		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
<a href="#">193</a>	Murphy	<a href="#">403</a>	Simonson	Special education funding increased for school districts, tuition billbacks to resident school districts reduced, operating referendum revenue added to general education revenue for charter schools, and money appropriated.		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Finance.
<a href="#">514</a>	Pryor			Safe schools levy increased.		Referred to House Education Finance.
		<a href="#">31</a>	Wiger	School district debt service levies equalization levels increase		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">618</a>	Runbeck	<a href="#">670</a>	Chamberlain	School district equalized referendum levies calculation modification and appropriation		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Finance.
		<a href="#">760</a>	Tomassoni	Geographically isolated school districts building lease levy modification		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">29</a>	Wiger	School district local optional levies equalization levels increase		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
<b>Dual Enrollment and PSEO</b>						
		<a href="#">616</a>	Newton	Postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) incentive aid establishment; cost of textbooks and equipment reimbursement aid authorization; appropriations		Referred to the Committee on E-12 Finance and Policy



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<a href="#">118</a>	Dettmer	<a href="#">15</a>	Goggin	School districts required to provide access to career options in the military, skilled trades, and manufacturing.	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy, House Veteran's Affairs.
<b>Special Education</b>						
<a href="#">194</a>	Murphy	<a href="#">402</a>	Simonson	Special education funding increased for school districts, tuition billbacks to resident school districts reduced, and local optional revenue and operating referendum revenue added to general education revenue for charter schools.		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Finance.
<a href="#">196</a>	Freiberg	<a href="#">429</a>	Freiberg	Seat belts required on newly purchased school buses.	YES	Referred to Senate Transportation and House Education Policy.
<b>Pensions, District Employees, Teachers and Contracts</b>						
<a href="#">208</a>	Kunesh-Podein	<a href="#">380</a>	Bigham	Teacher contract deadline created, and late contract penalty imposed.	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
<a href="#">5</a>	Halverson			Paid family, pregnancy, bonding and applicant's serious medical condition benefits provided; employment leaves regulated and required; data classified; rulemaking authorized; and money appropriated.		Referred to Labor.
		<a href="#">625</a>	Marty	Low-income workers increased child care assistance and child care assistance reimbursement rates; basic sliding fee child care assistance program forecasting		Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">733</a>	Nelson	School district professional development revenue use for reading instruction improvement authorization; hiring bonuses for teachers working in shortage areas; literacy incentive aid use for staff development authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">734</a>	Nelson	Teacher suicide prevention training and appropriation		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

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<a href="#">438</a>	Quam			amending the definition of public employee to include replacement employees who are employed for more than 60 days as a replacement teacher or faculty member;		referred to the Committee on Education Policy.
		<a href="#">289</a>	Clausen	Cultural competency training for teacher licensure definition		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">161</a>	Clausen	Professional educator licensing and standards board members compensation reduction by public employers prohibition		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">94</a>	Eichorn	Postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) nonpublic 10th grade student enrollment authorization and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">123</a>	Clausen	Dyslexia teacher training requirement for teacher preparation programs		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">380</a>	Bigham	Teacher contract deadline and penalty establishment		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">116</a>	Clausen	Dyslexia teacher training requirement for instructional strategies implementation for students with dyslexia		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">196</a>	Clausen	Teacher preparation programs instruction on dyslexia requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
Assessments, Proficiency, Testing and Standards						
<a href="#">22</a>	Erickson			Student testing provisions modified		Referred to House Education Policy.
<a href="#">209</a>	Kunesh-Podein	<a href="#">313</a>	Bigham	Schools testing materials expenditures required, and report to the legislature required.	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
<a href="#">602</a>	Urdahl			Students ensured to be adequately prepared to be capable citizens able to fully participate in the political process.	YES	Referred to House Education Policy.
		<a href="#">14</a>	Wiger	Nationally normed college entrance exam for high school graduation requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">709</a>	Chamberlain	Student performance data collection modification		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy



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		<a href="#">193</a>	Rest	Cursive handwriting instruction in elementary school requirement and appropriation	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">373</a>	Hawj	Civics class for high school graduation requirement	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">293</a>	Nelson	Construction and skilled trades career counseling commissioner of education collaboration requirement; safety of youth in skilled trades report requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">295</a>	Nelson	P-TECH schools establishment and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">249</a>	Urdahl	<a href="#">294</a>	Nelson	Graduation and civics testing requirements modified to ensure students adequately prepared to be capable citizens able to fully participate in the political process.	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
		<a href="#">651</a>	Chamberlain	Dyslexia screening requirement	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
<a href="#">328</a>	Runbeck			Dyslexia instruction in teacher preparation programs required.		Referred to House Education Policy.
<a href="#">329</a>	Runbeck			Dyslexia specialist duties modified.		Referred to House Education Policy.
		<a href="#">17</a>	Cwodzinski	Government and citizenship course for graduation requirement	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
		<a href="#">19</a>	Cwodzinski	Personal finance course for high school graduation requirement	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
<a href="#">299</a>	Franson			High school seniors allowed to participate in apprenticeships through program created.		Referred to House Education Policy.
		<a href="#">640</a>	Utke	Disabled students individualized education plans transition from secondary to postsecondary services grade 9 planning requirement elimination		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">49</a>	Wiger	Digital student achievement backpack establishment		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">224</a>	Sundin	<a href="#">339</a>	Hoffman	Child safety curriculum in kindergarten through grade 12 required.	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.

**Student Attendance, Data, Health, Nutrition and Safety**



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<a href="#">26</a>	Kunesh-Podein	<a href="#">369</a>	Cwodzinski	School-linked mental health service grant funding increased, full-service community school funding provided, support our students grant funding extended, homework starts with home program funding provided, collaborative urban educator program funding increased.		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Finance.
<a href="#">250</a>	Kunesh-Podein	<a href="#">188</a>	Dziedzic	Sexual assault; affirmative consent instruction in schools required, and money appropriated.	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate e-12 Finance and Policy.
<a href="#">379</a>	Gunther			expanding definition of shared time pupils		Referred to House Education Policy.
		<a href="#">717</a>	Dahms	Disabled students individualized education plan (IEP) functional behavior assessment authorization		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">482</a>	Pratt	Individualized education program (IEP) requirements to permit reporting of student performance on assessments modification		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">30</a>	Moran			Early childhood; additional funding and opportunities for children ages birth to three created; prenatal care services, home visiting, early childhood education, and child care programs and funding assistance.		Referred to House Early Childhood and Finance Division
		<a href="#">431</a>	Newton	School counseling services adequate levels requirement and appropriation	YES	*Identified as a mandate.
		<a href="#">7</a>	Nelson	Safe schools program revenue increase and appropriation		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">244</a>	Claflin	<a href="#">201</a>	Bigham	School districts required to conduct radon testing.	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
<a href="#">532</a>	Erickson			Background checks required on all first-time teaching applicants, and mandatory reporting expanded.		Referred to House Education Policy.
<a href="#">579</a>	Kresha			School facility safety projects under the long-term facilities maintenance revenue program authorized, safe schools revenue program expanded, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Education Finance.

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<a href="#">575</a>	Huot	<a href="#">247</a>	Pratt	Unclaimed drugs and medications in schools disposal authorization		Referred to House Education Policy, Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
<a href="#">431</a>	Albright	<a href="#">389</a>	Pratt	authorizing alternative fire drills for schools and educational institutions		referred to the Committee on Education Policy; Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy.
		<a href="#">148</a>	Dziedzic	School counselor on staff in every school building requirement and appropriation	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
<a href="#">2</a>	Edelson			School-linked mental health service grant funding increased, full-service community school funding provided, support our students grant funding extended, homework starts with home program funding provided, collaborative urban educator program funding increased		Referred to House Education Finance.
		<a href="#">159</a>	Clausen	Individualized education program requirements modification		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">566</a>	Wazlawik	<a href="#">177</a>	Bigham	School safety assessment teams requirement and appropriation	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
		<a href="#">32</a>	Wiger	School facility safety enhancement through physical modifications long-term facilities maintenance revenue program use authorization for school districts		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">323</a>	Torres Ray	Affirmative consent instruction to prevent sexual assault requirement and appropriation	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
		<a href="#">355</a>	Jenson	Mental health education required 4-12, (current law says encouraged 6-12)	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
<b>Revenue</b>						



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<a href="#">1</a>	Kotzya-Witthuhn			Creating additional funding and opportunities for children ages birth to three; governing certain programs and funding for prenatal care services, home visiting, early childhood education, and child care assistance.		Referred to House Early Childhood and Finance
<a href="#">151</a>	Urdahl			School finance reform efforts working group established, report required, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Education Finance
<a href="#">482</a>	Swedzinski			creating choice scholarships for students who have dropped out of high school		Referred to House Education Policy
		<a href="#">706</a>	Nelson	Minnesota school finance task force establishment		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">712</a>	Utke	Minnesota Principals Academy grant appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">337</a>	Davnie			School districts authorized to transfer community education reserve funds.		Referred to House Education Finance
<a href="#">72</a>	Gunther	<a href="#">506</a>	Rosen	School facility demolition and debris removal costs long-term facilities maintenance revenue school district use authorization		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy; Referred by Chair to Education Finance Division
		<a href="#">507</a>	Wiger	increasing funding to area learning centers		Referred to the Committee on E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">628</a>	Eichhorn	School district telecommunications projects state aid increase		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">115</a>	Lucero	<a href="#">639</a>	Kiffmeyer	School districts with low general education revenue and property wealth state aid additional source and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy; Referred to House Education Finance.
<a href="#">125</a>	Bennett			evidence-based grant standard established for any legislative grants awarded to organizations for prekindergarten through grade 12 education programs		Referred to Education Policy Committee. Laid over for possible inclusion into omnibus bill.
		<a href="#">638</a>	Kiffmeyer	School districts with low revenue minimum revenue guarantee creation and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy



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		<a href="#">688</a>	Clausen	School staff development aid for intermediate school districts and cooperative units; intermediate school districts alternative learning centers additional supports		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">152</a>	Lueck	<a href="#">617</a>	Newton	Permanent school fund compensation for land based on general fund forecast funding provided, and money appropriated.		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Finance
<a href="#">73</a>	Gunther	<a href="#">505</a>	Rosen	Extended time revenue use expansion to students enrolled in career and technical education courses		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy
		<a href="#">511</a>	Torres Ray	Extended time revenue for summer programs for students placed at correctional facilities authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">218</a>	Dziedzic	Unreimbursed special education costs state fund creation and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">521</a>	Tomassoni	appropriating money for a collaborative summer intensive program		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">531</a>	Wiger	increasing funding for special education		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">663</a>	Chamberlain	Homeless students pupil transportation authority assignment and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">546</a>	Anderson, P.	making permanent funding for the Sanneh Foundation programs		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">560</a>	Eichorn	K-12 education expense income tax credit modification		Referred to taxes
		<a href="#">292</a>	Latz	Community education revenue program funding increase		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">723</a>	Little	Adult English learner programs grants appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">580</a>	Eichorn	modifying the calculation of aid to nonpublic pupils		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">24</a>	Wiger	General education basic formula allowance increase and annual inflationary increase authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy





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		<a href="#">55</a>	Wiger	Special education aid calculation modification and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">122</a>	Clausen	General education basic formula allowance increase and inflationary increases authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">136</a>	Newton	School boards expiring referendums and capital project referendums renewal authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">30</a>	Wiger	School district and referendum levies equalization levels increase		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">448</a>	Her	<a href="#">26</a>	Wiger	School districts English learner programs revenue increase and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<b>Misc. Other</b>						
<a href="#">163</a>	Youakim			School board vacancy technical changes made.		Referred to House Education Policy.
		<a href="#">508</a>	Torres Ray	Elementary school students recess policy adoption by school districts requirement	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">671</a>	Wiklund	Great start for all Minnesota Children Act; home visiting; early learning and care; child care availability;		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">525</a>	Persell			Pupil transportation adjustment calculation modified, pupil transportation working group provided, and report required.		Referred to House Education Policy.
<a href="#">606</a>	Hassan	<a href="#">661</a>	Carlson	Student and employee absence from school or work for religious holidays modifications	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
<a href="#">23</a>	Erickson	<a href="#">735</a>	Nelson	Teacher code of ethics in statute codified and code of ethics in rule repealed, and school districts ethics complaint procedures required.		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, referred to Education Policy.
<a href="#">314</a>	Youakim			School districts allowed to begin school year before Labor Day.		Referred to House Education Policy.
<a href="#">531</a>	Christensen	<a href="#">412</a>	Kent	School districts start date modification for certain school years authorization		Referred to House Education Policy. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.



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		<a href="#">27</a>	Wiger	School innovation research zones pilot program access expansion		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">576</a>	Kunesh-Podein	<a href="#">28</a>	Wiger	School districts required to pay the cost of a college course entrance exam for all students in grade 11 or 12.	YES	Referred to House Education Policy, Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
		<a href="#">629</a>	Rosen	Sunscreen at school possession and use authorization	YES	Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
<a href="#">410</a>	Hassan			prohibiting graduation fees; requiring a report on school district fees	YES	referred to the Committee on Education Policy.
		<a href="#">747</a>	Issacson	Career and technical education equipment, staffing, and innovation grants appropriations		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">244</a>	Anderson, P.	School conciliation conference requirements for individualized education program team modification		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">299</a>	Chamberlain	Academic achievement rating system establishment requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">484</a>	Rest	Forecasted positive general fund balances be allocated to restore the special education aid payment percentage requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">749</a>	Dahms	Education alternative dispute resolution and due process hearings conciliation conference repeal		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		<a href="#">485</a>	Nelson	Competency-based education plan school district or charter school adoption authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy

- Omnibus Bills**
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