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Referendum and Capital Levy						
116	Freiberg	109	Rest	School districts authorized to renew expiring referendums by action of school board.		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
193	Murphy	403	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.
514	Pryor	900	Anderson, P.	Safe schools levy increased.		Referred to House Education Finance. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
		31	Wiger	School district debt service levies equalization levels increase		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
618	Runbeck	670	Chamberlain	School district equalized referendum levies calculation modification and appropriation		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Finance.
		760	Tomassoni	Geographically isolated school districts building lease levy modification		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
		29	Wiger	School district local optional levies equalization levels increase		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
		862	Klein	Property tax levy share decrease; state aid share of operating referendum revenue for qualifying special school districts increase; appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee.
		863	Klein	Education referendum equalization revenue, aid, and levy calculation modification		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee.
Dual Enrollment and PSEO						



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		616	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
118	Dettmer	15	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. Re-referred to Veterans.
Special Education						
194	Murphy	402	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.
196	Freiberg	429	Freiberg	Seat belts required on newly purchased school buses.	YES	Referred to Senate Transportation and House Education Policy.
		992	Pratt	Special education placement alternative dispute resolution and due process hearings additional prior written notice requirements repeal		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee.
713	Gruenhagen	801	Eichorn	Special education legislative working group establishment		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee.
Pensions, District Employees, Teachers and Contracts						
208	Kunesh-Podein	380	Bigham	Teacher contract deadline created, and late contract penalty imposed.	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
5	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.
		625	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

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		733	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. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion into an omnibus bill.
		734	Nelson	Teacher suicide prevention training and appropriation		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
438	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.
		289	Clausen	Cultural competency training for teacher licensure definition		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		161	Clausen	Professional educator licensing and standards board members compensation reduction by public employers prohibition		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		94	Eichorn	Postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) nonpublic 10th grade student enrollment authorization and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. Rolled over for possible inclusion
		123	Clausen	Dyslexia teacher training requirement for teacher preparation programs		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		380	Bigham	Teacher contract deadline and penalty establishment		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		116	Clausen	Dyslexia teacher training requirement for instructional strategies implementation for students with dyslexia		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion
		196	Clausen	Teacher preparation programs instruction on dyslexia requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion
881	Urdahl			School districts required to establish teacher mentoring programs, and staff development revenue allowed uses modified.	YES	Referred to House Education Policy.
		772	Eichorn	Dyslexia training for teachers appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion into an omnibus bill.
		822	Torres-Ray	Collaborative urban educator program appropriation and reporting		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee.

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Assessments, Proficiency, Testing and Standards						
22	Erickson			Student testing provisions modified		Referred to House Education Policy.
209	Kunesh-Podein	313	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.
602	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.
		14	Wiger	Nationally normed college entrance exam for high school graduation requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		709	Chamberlain	Student performance data collection modification		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		193	Rest	Cursive handwriting instruction in elementary school requirement and appropriation	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		373	Hawj	Civics class for high school graduation requirement	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		293	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, Re-referred to Jobs and Economic Development.
		295	Nelson	P-TECH schools establishment and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. Pathways to Technology and Early College. Laid over for possible inclusion into an omnibus bill.
249	Urdahl	294	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.
		651	Chamberlain	Dyslexia screening requirement	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion into an omnibus bill.
328	Runbeck			Dyslexia instruction in teacher preparation programs required.		Referred to House Education Policy.
329	Runbeck			Dyslexia specialist duties modified.		Referred to House Education Policy.
642	Sanstede	17	Cwodzinski	Government and citizenship course for graduation requirement	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. Referred to House Education Policy Committee.



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847	Her	19	Cwodzinski	Personal finance course for high school graduation requirement	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy and rolled over for possible inclusion into an omnibus bill. Referred to House Education Policy.
299	Franson			High school seniors allowed to participate in apprenticeships through program created.		Referred to House Education Policy.
		640	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
		49	Wiger	Digital student achievement backpack establishment		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
224	Sundin	339	Hoffman	Child safety curriculum in kindergarten through grade 12 required.	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
782	Lee	723	Little	English learner grants authorized, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Ways and Means; referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
824	Kunesh-Podein	1012	Torres-Ray	Increase Teachers of Color Act funding provided, seeking to double American Indian teacher and teachers of color, reports required, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Education Policy. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
		793	Eichorn	Firearms safety, archery, hunting and angling inclusion in school physical education courses grant program establishment and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee
Student Attendance, Data, Health, Nutrition and Safety						
26	Kunesh-Podein	369	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.
250	Kunesh-Podein	188	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.
379	Gunther			expanding definition of shared time pupils		Referred to House Education Policy.




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853	Torkelson	717	Dahms	Disabled students individualized education plan (IEP) functional behavior assessment authorization		Referred to House Education Policy. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
		482	Pratt	Individualized education program (IEP) requirements to permit reporting of student performance on assessments modification		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
30	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
		431	Newton	School counseling services adequate levels requirement and appropriation	YES	*Identified as a mandate.
		7	Nelson	Safe schools program revenue increase and appropriation		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
244	Claflin	201	Bigham	School districts required to conduct radon testing.	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
532	Erickson			Background checks required on all first-time teaching applicants, and mandatory reporting expanded.		Referred to House Education Policy.
579	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.
575	Huot	247	Pratt	Unclaimed drugs and medications in schools disposal authorization		Referred to House Education Policy, Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
431	Albright	389	Pratt	authorizing alternative fire drills for schools and educational institutions		referred to the Committee on Education Policy; Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy.



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		148	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.
2	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.
		159	Clausen	Individualized education program requirements modification		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
566	Wazlawik	177	Bigam	School safety assessment teams requirement and appropriation	YES	*Identified as a mandate. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy, House Education Policy.
		32	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
		323	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.
		355	Jenson	Mental health education required 4-12, (current law says encouraged 6-12)	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
802	Urdahl			"Erin's Law" personal safety instruction required.	YES	Referred to House Education Policy.
		861	Clausen	Safe schools levy increase and link to school district per pupil allowance in intermediate school districts		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee.
		1017	Draheim	Mental health services at Minnesota state colleges appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee

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		795	Pratt	School districts use of long-term facilities maintenance revenue for projects that increase the safety and security of school facilities authorization; supplemental aid program to pay a portion of the costs for school district projects that increase safety and security of school facilities establishment		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee
732	Jurgens			School-linked mental health grants funding provided, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Education Policy Committee.
Revenue						
1	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
151	Urdahl			School finance reform efforts working group established, report required, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Education Finance
482	Swedzinski			creating choice scholarships for students who have dropped out of high school		Referred to House Education Policy
		706	Nelson	Minnesota school finance task force establishment		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		712	Utke	Minnesota Principals Academy grant appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
337	Davnie	871	Dziedzic	School districts authorized to transfer community education reserve funds.		Referred to House Education Finance. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
72	Gunther	506	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
		507	Wiger	increasing funding to area learning centers		Referred to the Committee on E-12 Finance and Policy
		628	Eichhorn	School district telecommunications projects state aid increase		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy




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115	Lucero	639	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.
125	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.
		638	Kiffmeyer	School districts with low revenue minimum revenue guarantee creation and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		688	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
152	Lueck	617	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
73	Gunther	505	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
		511	Torres Ray	Extended time revenue for summer programs for students placed at correctional facilities authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		218	Dziedzic	Unreimbursed special education costs state fund creation and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		521	Tomassoni	appropriating money for a collaborative summer intensive program		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		531	Wiger	increasing funding for special education		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
761	Erickson	663	Chamberlain	Homeless students pupil transportation authority assignment and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		546	Anderson, P.	making permanent funding for the Sanneh Foundation programs		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy



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		560	Eichorn	K-12 education expense income tax credit modification		Referred to taxes
		292	Latz	Community education revenue program funding increase		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		723	Little	Adult English learner programs grants appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		580	Eichorn	modifying the calculation of aid to nonpublic pupils		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		24	Wiger	General education basic formula allowance increase and annual inflationary increase authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		55	Wiger	Special education aid calculation modification and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		122	Clausen	General education basic formula allowance increase and inflationary increases authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		136	Newton	School boards expiring referendums and capital project referendums renewal authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		30	Wiger	School district and referendum levies equalization levels increase		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
448	Her	26	Wiger	School districts English learner programs revenue increase and appropriation		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. Referred to House Education Finance Committee and laid over for possible inclusion into an omnibus bill in House.
882	Sanstede			General education basic formula allowance increased by three percentage points per year, general education basic formula allowance future increases linked to rate of inflation, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Ways and Means.
Early Learning						
768	Edelson	920	Cwodzinski	Child age range increased for school-age care programs, funding for school-age care programs increased, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Education Policy. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
837	Sanstede			Early childhood screening funding provided, and money appropriated.		
760	Urdahl			Early learning scholarship age eligibility amended.		Referred to House Education Policy Committee.

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163	Youakim			School board vacancy technical changes made.		Referred to House Education Policy.
		508	Torres Ray	Elementary school students recess policy adoption by school districts requirement	YES	Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		671	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
525	Persell			Pupil transportation adjustment calculation modified, pupil transportation working group provided, and report required.		Referred to House Education Policy.
606	Hassan	661	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.
23	Erickson	735	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.
314	Youakim	918	Nelson	School districts allowed to begin school year before Labor Day.		Referred to House Education Policy. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
531	Christensen	412	Kent	School districts start date modification for certain school years authorization		Referred to House Education Policy. Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy.
757	Her	33	Wiger	Kindergarten readiness assessment requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. Referred to House Education Policy.
		27	Wiger	School innovation research zones pilot program access expansion		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
576	Kunesh-Podein	28	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.
		629	Rosen	Sunscreen at school possession and use authorization	YES	Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
410	Hassan			prohibiting graduation fees; requiring a report on school district fees	YES	referred to the Committee on Education Policy.
		747	Issacson	Career and technical education equipment, staffing, and innovation grants appropriations		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy



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		244	Anderson, P.	School conciliation conference requirements for individualized education program team modification		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		299	Chamberlain	Academic achievement rating system establishment requirement		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
		484	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
854	Torkelson	749	Dahms	Education alternative dispute resolution and due process hearings conciliation conference repeal		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy. Referred to House Education Policy.
		485	Nelson	Competency-based education plan school district or charter school adoption authorization		Referred to Senate E-12 Finance and Policy
907	Lee			After-school community learning program funding provided, report required, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Ways and Means.
523	Drazkowski	952	Goggin	Nonresident students within resident districts transportation provisions modification; achievement and integration district transfers modification		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee. Referred to House Education Policy.
		798	Torres-Ray	Students with interrupted formal education participation in early middle college program for one additional year authorization and permanency		Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee
681	Tabke	340	Draheim	Pregnant and parenting pupils transportation to qualified programs provided		Referred to House Education Policy Committee. Referred to Senate E-12 Policy and Finance Committee.
692	Poppe			Pupils enrolled in career and technical education courses extended time use expanded.		Referred to House Education Policy Committee.
712	Runbeck			School board adoption of student mobile device policies required.	YES	Referred to House Education Policy Committee.
744	Edelson			Rural Minnesota grant to broaden access to music education created, and money appropriated.		Referred to House Education Policy Committee.

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