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HB 2039 – Chapter 42 – charter schools; higher education sponsors

Retroactive to July 1, 2011, expands the ability for charter schools to participate in ASRS and includes exceptions to financial and electronic data submission requirements in the school's charter to charter schools sponsored by a university, a community college district or a group of community college districts.

HB 2139 – Chapter 199 - *increased eligibility; empowerment scholarship accounts

Expands ESA eligibility to siblings of current or previous ESA recipients and to children who have not attended a governmental primary or secondary school but are eligible to enroll in a preschool program for children with disabilities.

HB 2150 – Chapter 200 [W/O] – empowerment scholarships; military families

Expands ESA eligibility to include children whose parent or guardian was killed in the line of duty. Exempts children whose parent or guardian is an active duty member of the armed forces or who was killed in the line of duty from additional ESA eligibility requirements.

HB 2265 – Chapter 137 – computer science courses; math credit

Allows school district and charter school governing boards to approve a rigorous computer science course to fulfill a required math course for high school graduation if the course includes significant math content and the governing body determines the school has sufficient capacity, infrastructure and qualified staff.

HB 2438 – Chapter 61 [E] – schools; transporting district conversion

Establishes a process for the conversion of a school district into a transporting school district through a local election and outlines operational requirements for an elected transporting school district. Prohibits school districts with less than 100 students enrolled for the past three years that are located in counties with under 15,000 persons from adopting a budget that exceeds the RCL by more than 10%, unless approved by voters, or a budget in excess of small school district limitations. Repeals this section on December 31, 2016.

HB 2501 – Chapter 172 – promotion; ceremony; 8th grade

Removes a school district governing board's authority to request signed certificates of promotion from the county school superintendent and allows school districts to conduct eighth grade promotion ceremonies.

HB 2605 – Chapter 272 – teachers; suicide prevention; continuing education

Retroactive to July 1, 2014, directs SBE to adopt rules that allow suicide awareness and prevention training programs to count as continuing education credits for certificated teachers and administrators.

HB 2637 – Chapter 214 – ADE; program administration

Establishes the ADE Professional Development Revolving Fund for expenses incurred for producing and delivering professional development courses and content. Allows school and school district classifications to include a measure of the perception of the educational quality of the school or school district. Authorizes charter schools to participate in the School Safety Program. Prohibits pupils from being retained for failing to read at a third grade level if data regarding the pupil's performance on the AIMS test, or a successor test, is not available before the start of the following academic year. Allows SBE to establish equivalent standards to *falls far below third grade reading level* for the retention of third grade students. Modifies the 2014-2015 Higher Education BRB (Laws 2014, Chapter 16) to specify that the cap on the ADM of school district sponsored charter schools applies to district sponsored charter schools that became

operational prior to FY 2014. Applies retroactively to July 1, 2014, for all provisions except the modification to the district sponsored charter school ADM cap.

SB 1102 – Chapter 105 – school facilities board revisions

Makes the following changes to statute:

SFB

- Specifies that the SFB database must include all buildings owned by school districts.
- Requires school districts to report to SFB any school or school building that has been closed, leased or operates as a charter school and the nature and cost of major repairs, replacements, renovations or physical improvements to building systems or equipment that was paid for by SFB Building Renewal Grant Fund monies or local monies.
- Establishes a formula to adjust the age of a building in the SFB database that is significantly upgraded or remodeled.
- Modifies the definition of *routine preventative maintenance* to include services on the recommended schedule of services by the manufacturer of the building system or equipment.

Child Care Facilities

- Allows the use of floor bedding, rather than cribs, in certain child care facilities.
- Outlines requirements for floor bedding.
- Stipulates that at least one staff member for every four infants is required to be in the resting area and requires staff members to be certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Instructs staff to place infants in an evacuation crib in an emergency and specifies placement requirements for such cribs.
- Directs the facility to provide DHS with 30 days written notice before implementing the use of floor bedding.

SB 1123 – Chapter 71 – property; liability; schools; recreational users

Modifies the definition of *recreational user*, as it relates to the determination of liability on certain properties, to exclude students in transit to and from school.

SB 1182 – Chapter 111 – school district overrides; bonds; information

Requires purpose statements in bond and override election informational pamphlets to present factual information and limits advocacy to the argument section. Requires political subdivision bond election informational pamphlets to contain the projects and expenditures for which the bond is to be issued.

SB 1237 – Chapter 244 – empowerment scholarship accounts; revisions

Specifies that kindergarten students must reside within the attendance boundary of a *D* or *F* school to be an *ESA qualified student*. Requires ADE to contract with an independent third party to determine if a *qualified student* is eligible to receive educational therapies or services and prohibits ESA monies from being used for educational therapies or services unless the student has been identified as having a disability. Allows ADE to make ESA money transfers on a non-quarterly basis if ADE determines that another transfer schedule is necessary for the operation of the ESA. Requires parents of an ESA student to use a portion of the ESA monies allocated each quarter to provide an education, unless ESA monies are on a non-quarterly transfer schedule.

SB 1242 – Chapter 114 [E] – critical languages; economic development; pilot

Requires SBE to establish a six-year critical language and economic development pilot program, if sufficient funds are provided. Directs SBE to select seven schools to participate in the pilot program beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Outlines pilot program participation requirements and requires ADE to establish and maintain an Office of Economic Development and Critical Languages, if sufficient funding is provided. Sunsets the pilot program on September 30, 2020.

SB 1288 – Chapter 116 – school letter classification; science scores

Includes academic performance and academic gain on the science portion of the AIMS test in the academic performance indicators for determining school and school district achievement profiles.

SB 1336 – Chapter 248 – school property; leases; immunity

Allows charter schools to permit the use of school property to a person or group and grants immunity from civil liability to charter schools, school districts and their employees for the use of school property, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

SB 1350 – Chapter 226 – ADE school finance revisions

Retroactive to July 1, 2014, makes the following changes to statute:

Public School Fees

- Requires school district and charter school governing boards to ensure that any authorized fee is allowed to be waived due to economic hardship to the student.
- Stipulates that the nonpayment of a fee charged by a public school does not prevent a student from enrolling, applying to or remaining enrolled in a public school.
- Specifies that a school district or charter school is not prohibited from charging tuition to a nonresident student.

Charter Schools

- Allows student level data submitted to ADE to be used to determine estimated student counts for charter schools sponsored by SBE, SBCS, a university, a community college district or a group of community college districts.
- Expands K-3 Reading Support Level Weight eligibility to students who are enrolled in a charter school in the first year of operation.

Grand Canyon Diploma

- Allows students eligible for a Grand Canyon Diploma to enroll the following semester in a community college rather than the following fall semester.

ADM

- Directs ADE to recompute ADM for the previous FY by August 30 and inform school districts and charter schools of the final ADM by September 15.
- Requires state aid calculations for all school districts and charter schools for the previous FY to be finalized and budget limits for school districts adjusted by November 1.
- Removes the exclusion of AOI from ADM recomputation requirements.

Teacher Experience Index (TEI)

- Modifies TEI notification and computation dates.
- Requires the SPI to recompute the TEI for all school districts.

Transportation

- Prohibits miles driven to transport eligible students from being reported as daily route miles by more than one school district.

Supplemental State Aid

- Allows a school district to be eligible for up to three FYs of supplemental state aid for a loss of property tax revenue resulting from a decrease in assessed valuation due to a natural disaster.
- Requires supplemental state aid to be reduced each year by one-third plus any increased property tax revenue due to higher assessed valuation.

Miscellaneous

- Specifies that the schools in a JTED are available to students whose district of residence is within the state.
- Modifies the definition of *fractional student*, *full-time student* and *daily attendance*.
- Defines *elementary grades*, *secondary grades* and *public school*.

SB 1391 – Chapter 125 – *noncertificated employees; schools; fingerprinting

Allows charter schools and school districts to require noncertificated and unpaid personnel that provide services to students without the supervision of a certificated employee to obtain a FPCC and allows noncertificated and unpaid personnel to apply for a FPCC if the school district does not require a FPCC as a condition of employment.