

Comparison of Key E-12 Issues for 2018

Updated: May 21, 2018 * Denotes provisions in other bills, as noted.



TOPIC	GOVERNOR	House	Senate	Conference Report
Pensions TRA* (SF 2620)	Same as Senate	-Retiree teacher COLA is reduced to 1% for 5 years, then COLA rises 0.1% for 5 years to 1.5% -Employer contribution 1.25% rise with pension adjustment aid to school districts over 6 years to a total of 8.75% -Employees contribute 0.25% in '23-24 to a total of 7.75% Bill passed House 131-0 and repassed the Senate 67-0 with minutes to go on May 20, 2018		
Transportation*	Has no authority re: amendment ballot	Constitutional amendment \$363m, Passed House 76-54,	-Senate never voted on it -It will not be on the Nov. Ballot	
One-Time Aid* In Tax Bill (HF 947 Art. 1)	FY: '19 only, \$126 per pupil, on formula. \$136.7 m	-FY '19 only, \$57.73 per FY '18 ADM's. \$50 m total. To be paid in Sept. '19 from Budget Reserve as "payment to schools... for past activities conducted on school trust lands that did not maximize deposits to... school trust fund." -School Boards can transfer Community Ed balances to general fund and can waive 2% Staff Dev set aside FY '19		
Bonding Bill* (HF 4425)	\$203K NW Angle School in Warroad. Total \$1.5 b including \$1.4 b GO bonds	\$25 m for school security grants, \$5 m for SW/WC Coop Level 4 facility in ACGC, \$14 m Red Lake, \$600K NW Angle School in Warroad. Total Bonding Bill over \$1.4 b including \$825 in GO bonds, rest in highway and Lottery \$'s		
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CONFERENCE REPORT (SF 3656 Art. 46-52, pp. 799-965)				
E-12 Total	\$176.2 m in FY '19, \$122 m in '20-21	\$28 m in FY '19, \$30 m in '20-21		
Safe Schools Revenue	-FY '19 \$18 per pupil aid, \$22,500 minimum (safe schools levy plus aid) - FY '20 & beyond: \$72 per pupil in levy equalized at 60% of ANTC, \$30,000 min -Bonding allowed against this revenue -Cooperatives \$7.50 aid in '19, \$15 in levy '20 and beyond for members ADM	-FY '19 \$18 per pupil aid, \$19.9 m; \$30,000 minimum (Levy plus aid) -FY '20 \$5.50 in aid, \$41.50 total aid and levy -Equalizes \$36 safe schools levy for FY '20-21 only @ 68.5% average ANTC -Bonding allowed against this revenue -FY '19 Cooperatives \$7.50 aid, \$3.50 in aid for FY 20 and beyond -Security remodeling allowed in LTFM for FY 20-21 only, -Communications devices are allowable expenses in LTFM		
Security Audits	No provision	\$1 m for security audits, MDE to receive \$90K to administer grants		
Mental Health	\$5 m ongoing grants, transportation inc.	\$5 m ongoing grants—school linked		
School Readiness+ Voluntary Pre-K	Makes funding permanent (\$57 m in '20-21)	No funding to extend districts with SR+ funding beyond the '18-19 school year		
SPED	-Increase cap \$30 to \$210 in FY '19 -Increases cap \$40 per year after '19 (\$16.9 m in '19, \$43.3 m in '20-21)	-SPED Forecast increase included (FY '18 \$25 m, FY '19 \$42 m) -SPED Legislative Working Group established with six Senators and six Representatives		
Local Optional Revenue (LOR)	Folds Board Authorized Referendum into LOR	Same as Governor		
Telecom Equity Aid (TEA)	No provision	-Eliminates \$16 per pupil cooperative incentive -TEA for all districts (\$200K) -FY '19 only new TEA aid above \$7 OOP costs (\$362K) prorated at 37%		
Academic Balance	No provision	In Teacher Ethics "A teacher must provide professional education services in a nondiscriminatory manner, including not discriminating on the basis of political, ideological, or religious beliefs."		
Broadband*	\$30 million for FY '19	\$15 million in FY '19		

TOPIC	GOVERNOR	SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CONFERENCE REPORT (SF 3656 Art. 46-52, pp. 799-965)
<u>School Rating</u>	Continue dashboard development	100-point scale summative rating based on State ESSA Plan
Grants (More grants than listed here)	No provisions	St. Cloud Summer ELL (\$300); SRO Training (\$250K); Kognito suicide prevention training (273K); Jake’s Sake Foundation substance misuse (\$300K contingent funding); Extended week and summer voc ed (\$150K); Threat Assessment Training (\$150K); Congressional Medal of Honor Character Ed (\$190K+\$537K contingent); OLA report on school funding (\$200K), Sannah Foundation (\$250K); Mounds View Early College (\$200K), McPhail Online Music (\$125K), MDE receives 3% to administer some grants
Non-Exclusion Discipline Policy	School officials ‘required’ to use non-exclusion discipline	Districts must ‘consider’ non-exclusion discipline before suspensions/expulsion
Dyslexia Screening	No provision	No provision
11th-12th Civics	No provision	Require course for credit in 11 th or 12 th grade, students enter 9 th in 20-21
Threat Assessment	Required prior to exclusion or expulsion by an integrated assessment team	-Safety assessment team required for each school. \$150K for training, policy required, -Teams to determine if student is threat to oneself or others
MCA Reporting	No provision	No provision
School Counselors/ Military Careers	No provision	-Encouraged to explain benefits of armed forces career -Cannot interfere with enlistment or intention to enlist -Excused absence for enlistment activities and military service
Motto and contributions	No provision	-“In God We Trust” posters or plaques allowed in conspicuous places. -School Boards may accept donations for such posters/plaques
Respectful School Meals	Prohibits withdrawing of meal, participation in school activities where fees are prohibited for unpaid lunch balances, or any unpaid fee	-Prohibits withdrawing of meal after it is provided, -Schools cannot limit participation in any school activities including graduation ceremonies, field trips, athletics, activity clubs, or other extracurricular activities, or other materials provided due to an unpaid student meal balance -District policy required. -FRE students cannot be denied school lunch even if negative balance due to ala carte purchases.
Background Checks	No provision	-Requires all employees to provide a background check every 5 years for continued employment, -Districts required to inform PELSB, districts can choose to pay for the required background checks
PELSB rules	No provision	-Extends timeline for PELSB rules to Oct. 1, 2018 -Includes a set of rules which PELSB must adopt if it misses 10/1/18 deadline
OLA Studies/ Work Group	OLA is beginning a study to evaluate debt service equalization revenue	-OLA study of school revenues/ expenditures and reporting -Transportation work group established to study transportation funding
Taxes* Total and Education Provisions (HF 947)	(\$20.4 m) [net rev increase]	-\$139.7 m FY ‘19 [net revenue decrease], -\$43 m FY ‘20-21 [net revenue decrease] -Property Tax Work Group established - 16 members including 4 Representatives, 4 Senators and 8 reps of education and farm organizations; MREA is included -Allows 529 funds to be used for K-12 education—public, private or religious -Currently MN provides \$3K deduction for 529 contributions. Fed and State capital gains in 529’s are tax exempt