

Side-By Side Comparison of Key E-12 Issues for 2019

Updated: March 25, 2019 * Denotes provisions in other bills, as noted.



TOPIC	GOVERNOR	HOUSE	SENATE	CONFERENCE REPORT
Snow Days	No Provision	HF1982 (Christensen)	SF1743 (Nelson)	
Applicability		School districts may by board action use this proposed session law	Same	
Applicable Days		3—Jan 29-31, 2019	Days and hours that a school district declared a snow day in the 2018-19 school year and chooses to apply to this session law	
Employees		If the employee was not compensated, the school district must allow the employee to work another day or receive compensation for the days missed	Similar language with provision that the language applies only if the employment contract does not provide for school closings	
Contracted Employees		Employers that contract to provide services are encouraged to compensate employees directly or offer additional hours of work	No provision	
Funding	(HF 2207/SF 2347)			
Target	\$733 million			
Formula	Increases basic formula allowance to \$6,312 FY '20 (3%) and \$6501 in FY '21 (2%) \$523 million			
School Readiness Plus	Makes permanent the pupil count for this two year program \$57 million			
Local Optional Revenue (LOR)	Simplifies LOR by adding first \$300 Board authorized revenue to LOR. Does not change revenue or equalization factors for \$724 LOR			
Board renewal of Referendum revenue	Allows boards to renew a previously voter approved referendum: requires public hearing and is subject to a reverse referendum			
Full Service Comm Schools	\$4 m for planning and annually for operations for eligible school sites			
Tribal Contract Aid	Increases student aid to match MN per pupil aid including federal funds			

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Innovation Research Zones	Revises Innovation Zone language, allows for 6 innovation plans, establishes advisory committee			
Rural CTE Consortium Grant	Continues funding into 20-21 and 22-23 for rural CTE consortium including SW/WC Service coop			
Special Education	Four changes: \$77 million -adjust cap to 54% and 56% of costs -adjust hold harmless: 4.4 and 4.2% -add cross subsidy reduction aid starting at 2.2% growing to 5.5% -Reducing tuition billing rate to resident district to 80%. Charters to receive offsetting from state			
BOSA	Increases license fee: \$75 to \$100			
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Extra Curricular Activities	Board must control all extracurricular activities. Activities are all personal services for students for their enjoyment. No activities without the consent and direction of the board.	Same as Governor		
Labor Day Start	No provision	In 2020-21, school may begin Aug. 31, and in 2021-22 on August 30.		
Compulsory attendance lowered to age 6	No provision	-Lowers mandatory attendance to age 6, -Requires school districts to offer kindergarten, allows parents to withdraw students under the age of 6 for good cause including immaturity		
Govt. and Citizenship Course Required	No provision	Govt. and Citizenship course for credit required in grades 11 or 12 as part of 3.5 credits in social studies. Begins for students entering 9 th grade in 20-21		
Personal Finance Course Required	No provision	One half credit in personal finance course required beginning with students entering 9 th grade in 20-21. Elective credits reduced from 7 to 6.5.		

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Worlds Best Workforce	No provision	Adds racial and cultural inclusive requirements to WBWF planning, curriculum, work environment, and professional development		
Dyslexia Screening	No provision	Requires dyslexia screening for students not reading at grade level in grades K, 1, 2, and in grades 3 and up for students who demonstrate a reading difficulty to a teacher unless a reason has been identified, MDE to support districts		
Nonexclusionary Discipline Policies	-Nonexclusionary discipline procedures require school officials to intervene prior to removal from class or suspension. - Schools prohibited from dismissing a student or entering into a withdrawal agreement without a prior	-Nonexclusionary discipline procedures require school officials to intervene prior to removal from class or suspension. -Schools prohibited from dismissing a student or entering into a withdrawal agreement without a prior attempt to use nonexclusionary discipline		
Nonexclusionary Discipline Policies continued	attempt to use nonexclusionary discipline -Safety assessment must be done on student prior to dismissal	-withdrawal agreements reported to MDE		
Nonexclusionary Discipline Policies	School boards must adopt policies on nonexclusionary discipline ensuring educational and health services..	Same as Governor..		
School Safety Assessments	-School Boards must set policy -Superintendents must establish school safety assessment team(s) to serve one or more schools	No provision		
Protections for student journalists	No provision	-Definitions and rules defining rights of students and media advisors working in any capacity on school sponsored media -Prohibits prior restraint of publication		
American Indian resolutions of concurrence	No provision	Resolutions of concurrence or non concurrence shall be delivered directly to district board of education		

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Tiered licensure modifications	No provision	-Tier 1 has only one renewal, no exceptions for CTE teachers; -Tier 2 only for those in teacher prep or who have completed teacher prep, having a masters in content no longer eligible; -three years of successful teaching no longer qualifies Tier 2 for Tier 3 status. -Cultural competency required for Tier 4. -School districts may verify a Tier 3 teacher's reading, math and writing skills to enable the teacher to move to Tier 4 irrespective of test scores.		
Teacher licensure	No provision	Adds sexual conduct or contact with a student, domestic violence and embezzlement of public funds to grounds for license removal/discipline.		
ABE and ECFE Teachers		Included as teachers covered in continuing contract (tenure) statutes 122A.40/122A.41		
Licensure reporting	No provision	The number of Tier 1, 2, 3, & 4 teachers in a district must be reported to the board and posted on district website.		
Student Placement	No provision	Students are not to be placed two years in a row with Tier 1 or 2 teachers unless no other teacher in that field or grade level is available		
Teacher code of Ethics	No provision	Code of ethics placed in state Law		
Teachers of color and American Indian	No provision	Grants for colleges, priority in stipends for student teachers, priority in MN loan forgiveness program,		
Teachers in shortage areas	No provision	Stipends for student teachers and loan forgiveness if any \$'s available after teachers of color or American Indian		

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SPED Paperwork reduction	No provision	-Short term goals can be eliminated with parent permission, except for students who take alternative assessments -Functional Behavior Assessments may be a stand-alone assessment -Parent may request a meeting with an IEP team member as alternative to a conciliation conference -Commissioner of MDE appoints stakeholder workgroup on Prior Written Notice		
Alternative Delivery ASIS	No provision	Students may participate in ASIS if IEP team determines area of service is not related to disability		
Sexual Health Education	No provision	-Commissioner of MDE must identify one or more models of comprehensive sexual health programs on list of topics. -Districts must implement by 21/22 comprehensive program on listed topics -Superintendents must assure that district program meets requirements -Commissioner to report to legislature		
Sexual Harassment and Discrimination	No provision	MDE required to provide training for district Title IX Coordinators, and upon request training to staff on sexual harassment and sexual violence		
Unused or abandoned prescriptions	No provision	School board must adopt and implement a policy for the disposal of unused student medications		
Sunscreen	No provision	-Students may possess and apply sunscreen -School boards may adopt policies -Nothing in this statute shall require staff to apply sunscreen to a student		

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Lead in school drinking water	-Districts must report lead presence publicly and directly to parents and implement a plan to minimize lead -where above established guidelines, districts must directly notify parents, remediate the water source or make it unavailable	-Districts must report lead presence publicly -where above established guidelines remedy with 30 days or inform parents and make water source unavailable		
Radon Testing	Similar to House	Districts must set a radon testing schedule and mitigate or take corrective action based on published standards. LTFM funding allowable for testing, mitigation and corrective action		
School Meal Policies	-Districts must adopt policies -Policies must be respectful, prohibit shaming and specific listed practices -FRE students entitled to reimbursable meal even if student has an unpaid lunch debt -Districts cannot limit students' participation in any school activities due to unpaid lunch debt -If Commissioner determines district not in compliance, must send letter and require correction within 60 days	Same as Governor		
Surplus computers	No provision	Districts may sell surplus computers and devices to students, rules set		
School Safety Technical Assist Center & Council	-June 30 sunset eliminated. -Becomes an on-going entity	Same as Governor		