

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

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TOPIC	GOVERNOR (HF 2207/SF 2347)	HOUSE (HF 2400 1st Engrossment)	SENATE (SF7 DE1)	CONFERENCE REPORT
Funding				
Target	\$733 million	\$900 million	\$207 million	
Formula	Increases basic formula allowance to \$6,501 FY '20 (3%) and \$6,631 in FY '21 (2%) \$523 million	Same as Governor	Increases basic formula allowance to \$6,343 FY '20 (0.5%) and \$6,375 in FY '21 (0.5%) \$95 million	
ELL	No provision	Increase from \$704 to \$744 per participant	No provision	
Transportation	No provision	Working Group established, organizations listed to appoint members. MREA included.	No provision	
Para Training	No provision	Para training required, minimum 8 hours, \$200 per para aid to pay for training	No provision	
Local Optional Revenue (LOR)	Simplifies LOR by adding first \$300 Board authorized revenue to LOR. No change revenue or equalization up to \$724 per pupil	Same as Governor	Same as Governor	
Referendum Equalization	No provision	increases Op Referendum Tier 1 (formerly Tier 2) factor from \$510,000 to \$650,000	No provision	
Compensatory Revenue	No provision	Removes required percentages for extended time instruction	No provision	
Sparsity	No provision	No provision	Karstad elementary qualifies for elementary sparsity for '20 & '21 only	
Concurrent Enrollment	No provision	Reallocates unused \$1 m to '20-21	Recaptures unused \$1.5 m to the state's general fund	
Full Service Comm Schools	\$4 m for planning and annually for operations for eligible school sites	Same as Governor	No provision	
Tribal Contract Aid	Increases student aid to match MN per pupil aid including federal funds	Same as Governor	Same as Governor	
Safe Schools Revenue	-\$5 increase in aid for FY '20 -\$2 new rev for cooperatives, \$2 increase for intermediates in FY '20 -\$14 increase in allowable levy for FY '21 and beyond, equalized at 110% of av modified ANTC -Coop revenue to \$5.83 and Intermediates to \$20.83 in FY '21	-\$9 increase to \$45 or \$18,750 min in '20 -\$18 increase to \$54 or \$22,500 min in '21 -FY '20 is aid, FY '21 is safe schools levy -Intermediates see an increase of \$3.75 each year to \$22.50 in FY '21 -Cooperatives see new revenue of \$3.75 each year to \$7.50 in FY '21	-\$38 increase in aid to \$54 per pupil aid and levy for '20 and '21 only -Minimum \$32K -Intermediates see an increase of \$15 for '20 and '21 -Cooperatives are not listed in the bill -Commissioner to report on district allocations of safe schools revenue -\$74.5 m in total	

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Board renewal of Referendum revenue	Allows boards to renew a previously voter approved referendum: requires public hearing and is subject to a reverse referendum	For future referendums, if the ballot states that the board may renew this referendum subject to a reverse referendum, the board may renew such referendum with notice	No provision	
Innovation Research Zones	Revises Innovation Zone language, allows for 6 innovation plans, establishes advisory committee	Same as Governor	No provision	
P-Tech	No provision	No provision	Public-Private partnership established for high skilled jobs \$1.5 m per year	
Rural CTE Consortium Grant	Continues funding into 20-21 and 22-23 for rural CTE consortium including SW/WC Service coop	Continues funding for SW/WC consortium and adds 2 more funded consortium. SE or SC and NW or NE added.	Continues funding for SW/WC consortium	
CTE Enrichment Grants	No provision	Grant program established for districts to offer non-school hour CTE classes	One grant for Fairmont to offer CTE enrichment in non-school hours	
Summer Enrichment			One grant for six Northern MN districts to offer summer enrichment programs	
Breckenridge	No provision	Breckenridge schools may enter into a PSEO agreement with NDSCS	Same as House	
Special Education	Five changes: \$91 million -adjust cap to 56% in FY '20 -eliminating the growth cap in FY '21 -adjust hold harmless: 4.4 FY '20, 4.2% FY '21, 4.0% FY '22 -adds cross subsidy reduction aid starting at 2.6% growing to 6.4% -Reducing tuition billing rate to resident district to 80%. Charters to receive offsetting from state	-Six changes: \$113 million -Prioritizes 100% SPED formula aid in budget reserve calculation -growth factor to grow as a multiple of 1.046 per year starting in FY '18 -Cap eliminated in FY '20 --adds cross subsidy reduction aid starting at 4.3% in '20, 8.6% in '21 and beyond - Reducing tuition billing rate to resident district to 80% in '20, 70% in '21 & beyond. Charters to offsetting aid limited to 10% -base adjustments: Duluth \$500K, Monticello 250K	No provision	
Support our Students Grants expanded	No provision	-Support staff grants for counselors and similar staff on six year declining scale -\$5 m per year	No provision	
Mental Health Innovation Grants	No provision	-On-going Level 4 grant program -Cooperatives and School Districts eligible when they meet specified criteria -\$2.7 m per year	Similar language to House -Titled school linked mental health -\$2.5 m per year	

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Funding	(HF 2207/SF 2347)	(HF 2400 1st Engrossment)	(SF7 DE1)	
Trauma Informed Staff Development	No provision	-\$3 m new grant program established	No provision	
BOSA	Increases license fee: \$75 to \$100 and removed from educator license revenue account	Same as Governor	Same as Governor	
Grants	No provisions	Too many to list. See pp. 88-96	Too many to list, many continuations, few discontinuations & new pp. 47-55	
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Taxes	(HF2125)	(HF 2125DE1)	(SF 1060)	
Federal Tax Conformity	Switches from Federal Taxable Income (FTI) to start MN taxes to Federal Adjusted Gross Income (FAGI) and many other provisions	-Similar -Raises \$1.2 B primarily on corporate federal tax conformity and foreign earnings		
Ag2School	No provision	-Increases Ag Bond Credit to 70% -\$30 m in FY '21, \$81 m in '22 & '23		
Transportation (HF 1555) (SF 1093 A-7)		-Repeals transfers from General Fund to Highway fund, \$230 m annually -Adds \$0.20 to gas tax over two years	-No changes to transfers from General Fund to Highway -No gas tax increase	
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Paid FMLA		(HF 5) Passed Ways and Means, is ready for House Floor Vote	(SF 1060)	
Paid FMLA	DEED Commissioner Steve Grove testified that the Governor "is thrilled with HF 5."	-Provides paid FMLA when certified by qualified healthcare professional for an individual's for serious medical condition, care of a relative, or pregnancy when lasting over seven days in duration -Program premiums @ 0.65% are to be collected by employers on all wages subject to state's unemployment insurance -Employers are allowed to deduct 50% from employee's wages as long as that deduction does not cause the employee's wage to fall below a contracted wage rate -\$46 m is estimated cost for all MN K-12 public school entities based on \$7 billion payroll reported to MDE through UFARS	No action taken	

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Religious Observance	No provision	School boards must provide annual notice of religious observance absence policy	No provision	
Evidence based Grants	No provision	Grant recipients for any ed grant from MDE must submit evidence of effectiveness in a report to MDE upon grant completion	Similar to House	
Competency Based Ed	No provision	No provision	Districts may offer HS credit for demonstrated student competency	
Cursive Writing	No provision	No provision	The Commissioner of MDE to develop a model cursive writing program for use by end of grade 5	
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	Same as Governor	
Labor Day Start	No provision	In 2020-21, school may begin Aug. 31, and in 2021-22 on August 30.	School boards, not the Commissioner, determine flexible learning year and four-day week school calendars	
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	No provision	
Career Planning	No provision	No provision	-Military recruiters given same access as post-secondary and trades -Commissioners of Ed and labor and industry to include skilled trades information student career planning	
MCA Testing	No provision	No provision	-MDE to schedule tests as late in year as possible -School districts must disseminate results to parents within 30 days of testing and before start of next sch yr	
Civics Test	No provision	No provision	-districts to report % of students achieving 60% or more on civics test	
Safety Report	No provision	No provision	Commissioner of Labor and Industry to issue safety report for youth to receive hands-on training at job sites	

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Govt/Citizenship Course	No provision	No provision	Civics added to list of topics included in 3.5 credits social studies	
Personal Finance Course	No provision	No provision	No provision	
Worlds Best Workforce	No provision	Adds racial and cultural inclusive requirements to WBWF planning, curriculum, work environment, and professional development	No provision	
Dyslexia	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 reason has been identified	-Teacher prep institutions must provide instruction in dyslexia -Teacher license renewal Tiers 3 and 4 must include dyslexia training -Districts may provide grants to teachers to study dyslexia from specific named programs -Grants to specific named programs to enroll teachers in their programs -Districts may provide hiring bonuses to teachers trained in named programs -Districts may use literacy aid for these grants and hiring bonuses	
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 attempt to use nonexclusionary discipline -Safety assessment must be done on student prior to dismissal	-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 -withdrawal agreements reported to MDE -Suspended students are to be provided all school work, or alternate assignments, allowed to receive full credit, and time to complete school work -readmission plans required	No provision	
Nonexclusionary Discipline Policies	School boards must adopt policies on nonexclusionary discipline ensuring educational and health services	Same as Governor	No provision	

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School Safety Assessments	-School Boards must set policy -Superintendents must establish school safety assessment team(s) to serve one or more schools	No provision	-School Boards must set policy -School Districts must provide law enforcement building floor plans	
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	No provision	
PSEO	No provision	-Notice on PSEO availability required 3 weeks prior to registration for HS classes -transportation reimbursed at Fed IRS rate	-same notice requirements -Necessary transportation costs reimbursed for FRE students	
After School Learning Grants	No provision	Grant program for organizations offering non-school hours academic enrichment	No provision	
American Indian resolutions of concurrence	No provision	Resolutions of concurrence or non concurrence shall be delivered directly to district board of education	No provision	
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.	-CTE teachers, full or part-time, who demonstrate occupational competence are exempt from all licensure requirements	
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.	PELSB may suspend a license pending an investigation into a report of conduct that would be grounds for license revocation	
ABE and ECFE Teachers	No provision	Included as teachers covered in continuing contract (tenure) statutes 122A.40/122A.41	No provision	
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.	No provision	

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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	No provision	
Teacher code of Ethics	No provision	Code of ethics placed in state Law	Same as House	
Teachers of color and American Indian	No provision	Grants for colleges, priority in stipends for student teachers, priority in MN loan forgiveness program,	Grants for programs directed at American Indian prospective teachers	
Teachers in shortage areas	No provision	Stipends for student teachers and loan forgiveness if any \$'s available after teachers of color or American Indian	No provision	
Grow Your Own	No provision	-Grants for district grow your own programs in which at least 50% of past-participants are persons of color or American Indian -New programs that are directed at persons of color or American Indian including middle and high school students	Same as House	
Out-of-state recruitment bonus	No provision	Up to \$8,000 reimbursement to districts offering recruitment bonuses to out-of-state teachers in shortage areas. \$1 million	No provision	
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	-similar to House for Functional Behavior Assessments and alternative to conciliation conference	
Alternative Delivery ADIS	No provision	Students may participate in ASIS if IEP team determines area of service is not related to disability	No provision	
Unused or abandoned prescriptions	No provision	School board must adopt and implement a policy for the disposal of unused student medications	No provision	

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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	No provision	
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	No provision	
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	Same as House	
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	Similar to House	
Radon Testing	Similar to House	-Districts must set a radon testing schedule and if needed mitigate or take corrective action based on published standards. -Results reported to Dept of Health -LTFM funding allowable for testing, mitigation and corrective action	No provision	
Energy Benchmarking	No provision	-Required B3 benchmarking, -No penalty for not complying	Same as House	
Telecom Equity Aid (TEA)	No provision	No provision	-No requirement to join collaborative -Non publics participate from 1 st dollar - \$1m added to aid	
Maximum Effort Early Payment	No provision	No provision	Aid provided to Maximum Effort Capital loan districts that made early repayment of loans prior to 11/30/16	

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Cooperative Facilities	No provision	Member districts of cooperatives under 123A.24, subdivision 2 -may form joint powers for bonding -may use lease levy for cooperative facilities even if they owned the facility. -Use (LTFM) to be used to enhance leased facilities from public and private owners. -May levy up to \$65 lease levy per pupil for cooperative facilities, the same as district members of Metro Intermediates.	No provision	
Breakfast after the Bell	No provision	-Allows districts to establish a breakfast after the bell program for reimbursement -\$2m in FY '20, grows to \$3.2m base in '23	No provision	
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 except correction required within 30 days of notification by the Commissioner	No provision	
Surplus computers	No provision	Districts may sell surplus computers and devices to students, rules set	Similar to House	
School Safety Technical Assist Center & Council	-June 30 sunset eliminated. -Becomes an on-going entity	Same as Governor	No provision	
Community Education	No provision	No provision	-Advisory committees required to make written recommendations to school boards on allocation of funds -adds non-school organizations under allowable uses of community ed funds	

TOPIC	GOVERNOR (HF 1954/SF 2116)	HOUSE (HF 2610)	SENATE (SF7 DE1)	CONFERENCE REPORT
Early Childhood				
Non Exclusionary Discipline	No provision	A School district must not dismiss a child enrolled in a prekindergarten program	No provision	
Licensure	No provision	-Schools must employ licensed teachers for all preschool programs in Tiered system -Persons employed as a teacher in such programs during the 18-19 school year are exempt until July 1, 2024 or until they obtain a MN teaching license -all persons employed under this section are teachers as defined in 179A.03	No provision	
VPK, SR+	Makes permanent the pupil count for this two year program \$57 million	Guarantees 7,160 seats FY '20 and beyond. This includes current SR+ seats	No provision	
Leg Report	No provision	Commissioners of Ed and Human Services to submit a report on enhancing coordination of services to leg 2/1/20	No provision	
Scholarship Account	No provision	No provision	Early learning scholarship account established, funds transferred	
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	No provision	No provision	-Commissioner must implement a kindergarten readiness assessment -Districts encouraged to use it -Data integrated into SLEDS	
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Other				
Broadband	Same as House	\$35 m in '20, \$35 m in '21 (HF 7)	Similar language. No action taken (SF9)	
Solar for Schools	Same as House	Grants to schools for solar panels on or adjacent to schools. \$16 m for Xcel customers. (HF1833) \$300 m per year, ongoing base \$391 m for schools not served by Xcel (HF 1986)	Similar language to House, \$1 m each year '20 and '21, no on-going funding. (SF 2067)	

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Snow Days	No Provision	HF1982 (Christensen)	SF1743 (Nelson)	SF1743 Conf Report
Applicability		Permissible: school districts may by board action use this proposed session law	Same	Permissible, not mandatory
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	Days and hours school districts need to meet minimum requirements
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	If the employee was not compensated, the school district must allow the employee to work or receive compensation days missed
Contracted Employees		Employers that contract to provide services are encouraged to compensate employees directly or offer additional hours of work	No provision	Contractors that inform school district of intention to pay employees are paid