
BILLS WE ARE WATCHING OVERVIEW



LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2018

Update on Legislative Action-Overview

Bill Topic	House	Senate	Governor
School Safety	HF3320 (Loon)	SF3229 (Anderson, P.)	Top Priority
Cross Subsidy	HF2846 (Christensen)	SF2698 (Pratt)	Top Priority
TRA	HF3053 (O'Driscoll)	SF2620 (Rosen)	Included
School Trust Lands	HF2936 (Erickson)	SF2737 (Eichorn)	Not Included
K-12 Telecommunication Aid	HF881 (Baker)	SF936 (Weber)/SF3123 (Nelson)	Not Included
Bottom 20 th Percentile Funding	HF181 (Lucero)	SF189 (Kiffmeyer)	Not Included

Update on Legislative Action-Cross Subsidy

HF2846 (Christensen)/SF2698 (Pratt)

- Special education working group (HF2846) or task force (SF2698) established

Governor Dayton Recommendation:

- Funds ~ \$17 million of the state's \$679 million cross subsidy in FY19
- Recommends another \$43 million in the 2020/2021 biennium
- MSBA has lead the charge in creating of a special education funding task force (HF 2846/SF 2698) that can look at the funding issues and recommend steps to fund the \$679 million cross-subsidy over a period of time. We are hopeful such a group can be established for long-term funding issues.

Update on Legislative Action-Safe Schools

HF3320 (Loon)/SF3229 (Anderson, P.)

- Expands use of LTFM revenue to include physical modifications to buildings that improves school safety

SF2754 (Nelson)/No companion bill

- Senate version adds a new aid, Safe Schools Aid, to the existing Safe Schools Levy; amount of aid is unknown; includes mental health services

Governor Dayton Recommendation:

- Provides \$18 per pupil for school safety for building improvements, police liaisons or programs suited to a school's safety needs (FY19 only); same as current Safe Schools Levy
- In FY 2020 and beyond, the proposal would double the safe school levy from \$36 per pupil (current w/ no equalization) to \$72 per pupil and establish a minimum levy amount of \$30,000
- Equalizes the Safe School Levy
- Establishes a school-based mental health grant opportunity

Update on Legislative Action-TRA

HF3053 (O'Driscoll)/SF2620 (Rosen)

- Stabilizes the pension plans of teachers
- Increases the employee contribution .25% over 6 years (7.5% to 7.75%)
- Increases the employers contribution by 1.25% over 6 years (7.5% to 8.75%)
- Has funding for the district's increased contribution
- Funding goes directly to a TRA pension transfer account and not routed through the school district

Governor Dayton Recommendation:

- Adequate state aid to fund the employer portion of the increase
- \$10.8 million in FY19, 23.8 million in FY20 and \$35.3 million in FY21

Update on Legislative Action-School Trust Lands

HF2936 (Erickson)/SF2737
(Eichorn)

- School trust land administration transferred and school trust management account established
- In FY2016 STMA received \$214,192

Governor Dayton
Recommendation:

- Adequate state aid to fund the employer portion of the increase
- \$10.8 million in FY19, 23.8 million in FY20 and \$35.3 million in FY21

Update on Legislative Action-K-12 Telecommunication Aid

HF881 (Baker)/SF936 (Weber)/SF3123 (Nelson)

- Fully funds Internet access after federal e-rate subsidies are applied
- STMA uses \$24,578/yr out of general fund (\$3.95/student)

Legislative Action-Create New Categorical Aid

HF181 (Lucero)/SF189 (Kiffmeyer)-Introduced in 2017

- Additional funding for districts below the 20th percentile in general education revenue

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