

Legislative Updates for 2025

BOE Retreat 12.4.24

Updates From Lobbyist

- 1) **Governor's Proposed Budget**
 - a) Eliminating averaging (we lose \$12-14M?)
 - b) Other large declining districts are weighing the new formula w/this
- 2) **Cell Phones in School**
 - a) Emulate AG's grant guidelines
- 3) **Social Media**
 - a) Age Gating
- 4) **AI**
 - a) Minor Usage
- 5) **School Discipline**
 - a) Disproportionate Discipline
 - b) Want to prohibit discipline for off campus events
- 6) **Accountability Task Force 1241**
 - a) [Taskforce Recommendations](#)
 - b) #30 dependent on #11
 - c) If there is a fiscal note, may face difficulty
 - d) $\frac{3}{4}$ of the recommendations have fiscal notes attached...
- 7) **Postsecondary Workforce Readiness (PWR) Recommendations**
 - a) Consolidate all 5th year programs (ASCENT/TREP)
 - b) Also a program for lower income families
- 8) **1215 Recommendations (Big Blur)**
 - a) Looking at \$\$ for apprenticeships
 - b) Possibly at age limits for apprenticeships
- 9) **Teacher Prep**
 - a) Faculty requirements for Dual Enrollment vs. Concurrent Enrollment
 - b) Teacher qualifications around CTE separate for K-12 and higher ed
- 10) **Early Childhood**
 - a) Direct enrollment with UPK providers
 - b) Other clarifying, streamlining provisions
- 11) **Standard Form Contracts**
 - a) Establish to make clear that contractors are responsible for accessibility/ADA requirements.
 - b) Allows entities to point to state law re liability
- 12) **GED and Graduation Rates**
 - a) CASB priority discussion
 - b) Allows some GEDs not to affect graduation rates

13) Adult Content Pop-Ups

- a) Bill running again

14) CORA Bill

- a) Back again
- b) Press Assoc against it
- c) Some want to add out of state data gathering requests
- d) Some good (time concessions and limited repeat requesters) but it needs work (may create more work for districts)

15) Face Recognition Software

- a) Current Ban in schools due to expire, this bill extends it
- b) Jonny didn't have strong opinion
- c) Some just want in parking lots

16) Tax Credit for Teachers

- a) Running again
- b) \$1000 tax credit

17) Financial Literacy

- a) As graduation requirement

18) Dyslexia Screener

- a) Need more info

Staff conversations:

- **School Readiness** - eliminate
 - Designed before all day Kindergarten and UPK
 - Unnecessary work/time
- **Teacher License Reciprocity**
 - Compact with other states
 - [One already exists?](#)
 - Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel
 - This interstate agreement facilitates movement among the states of teachers and other professional educational personnel, and establishes procedures for the employment without reference to their state of origin. Eligibility is nationwide in scope.
 - Need Legislation to join
 - [Similar to School Psychologist Licensure Interstate Compact 24-1096](#)
 - Only 2 states now, need 7
- **Grants for Expanded Educator Licensing Pathways**
- **Restraint and Seclusion**
 - Bill may run again

- Jack w/Colorado Disability Law - supported our version last year...but had problems getting support from others.
- He likely won't want to do anything this session
- He is working on data reporting to resolve conflicts with state and federal law

- **High School Readiness in Accountability**
 - It is #6 in [1241 Taskforce Recommendations](#)
 - Our thoughts...Dual and Concurrent for additional points
 - Jason is drafting this bill, based upon all Report Recommendations
- **AI Framework**
 - Probably a bill coming to address minor usage
- **Cell Phones in School**
 - Children's Hospital working on a bill - emulating what the AG is doing with grants
- **Social Media Age**
 - Bill will run again "Age Gating"