



Final Education Bills That Have Been Signed by the Governor

[HB 2](#) Nancy Ballance (R) General Appropriations Act. If you want to see the budget numbers for K12 education, go page E1 (page 24). Hopefully now that the Governor has signed this bill OPI will get you the final budget spreadsheets. HB 2 Section E contains all the state funding that is distributed to schools as per statute. There were not any changes to existing statute that reduced what we anticipated. The only One Time Only (OTO) funding in HB 2 for K12 schools is the stipends for National Board-Certified Teachers. About half of the funding for the Montana Digital Academy (MTDA) has been OTO for several sessions. This coming biennium, there is no OTO funding for the MTDA. There is no increase in funding for the MTDA for the next biennium. Effective July 1, 2019.

[SB 352](#) Fred Thomas (R) Generally revise laws related to the state budget. The only reason I mention SB 352 is that it was the companion bill that was intended to be amended to create a state funded preschool program. There were three attempts to amend this bill in a free conference committee. All three attempts failed on a 4-2 vote.

Good Bills That Didn't Make it to the Finish Line

- [HB 27](#) Moffie Funk (D) Died in Process Generally revise special education funding
- [HB 177](#) Fred Anderson (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (S) Education Allow school districts to use equalization aid for preschool programs
- [HB 218](#) Sue Vinton (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (S) Education Generally revise laws related to career and technical education
- [HB 235](#) Dave Fern (D) Died in Process Provide options, conditions for financing school health group plans
- [HB 295](#) Fred Anderson (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (S) Finance and Claims Create grant program to encourage work-based learning
- [HB 420](#) Tyson Runningwolf (D) Died in Standing Committee -- (H) Appropriations Encourage grow your own programs to address teacher shortage
- [HB 459](#) Becky Beard (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (H) Appropriations Provide support for rural school recruitment and retention
- [HB 477](#) Moffie Funk (D) Died in Standing Committee -- (S) Judiciary Enact firearm education laws for children
- [HB 492](#) Sue Vinton (R) Died in Process Generally revise laws related to school bus safety
- [HB 667](#) Jacob Bachmeier (D) Died in Standing Committee -- (H) Education Create farm to school grant program
- [HB 759](#) Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D) Died in Standing Committee -- (H) Education Provide for digital literacy and computer science coordinator
- [SB 6](#) Edie McClafferty (D) Died in Standing Committee -- (S) Education Revise school funding related to school safety

Bad Bills That Didn't Make it to the Finish Line

- [HB 191](#) Bruce Grubbs (R) Died in Process Provide for K-12 synchronous distance learning payment
- [HB 199](#) Barry Usher (R) Died in Process Generally revise laws related to bullying
- [HB 303](#) Greg DeVries (R) Died in Process Eliminate compulsory education requirements
- [HB 354](#) Rodney Garcia (R) Died in Process Restrict sexually explicit materials and sexually oriented businesses
- [HB 396](#) Matt Regier (R) Died in Process Prohibit public employees from using position to support/oppose campaign
- [HB 398](#) Gordon Pierson (D) Died in Process Require mental health and suicide prevention training in teacher preparation
- [HB 755](#) Eric Moore (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (H) Education Generally revise pre-kindergarten laws
- [SB 99](#) Cary Smith (R) Died in Process Revise laws related to informing on legal opt out options for vaccines
- [SB 118](#) Keith Regier (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (S) Education Revise laws related to online learning opportunities
- [SB 164](#) Fred Thomas (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (H) Education Generally revise school safety laws
- [SB 297](#) Dee Brown (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (S) Education Generally revise laws related to school elections involving property taxes
- [SB 298](#) Dee Brown (R) Died in Standing Committee -- (S) Education Referendum to revise laws related to school elections involving property taxes