



MREA Report Upcoming Hearings

Report Date: January 13, 2021

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor	Last Three Actions	Next Hearing	Position
HB 3	David Bedey (R) HD 86	01/12/21 - Referred to Committee 01/12/21 - First Reading 01/11/21 - Transmitted to Senate	1:30PM 01/19/2021 Senate Finance and Claims Hearing Room 303	Support

Supplemental Appropriations Bill

12/30/2020 - NOTE - OPI - Local Level Activities \$4,500,000; General Fund. This funding is needed to make sure there is enough state funding for schools for THIS school year. In a recent session this bill was challenged in the appropriations process.

HB 32	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	01/13/21 - Hearing 01/12/21 - Fiscal Note Received 01/04/21 - First Reading	3:00PM 01/13/2021 House Education Hearing Room 137	Support
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Repeal ending fund balance limits for school district funds

12/16/2020 - NOTE-Repeals 20-9-323 Ending fund balance limits. (1) Beginning July 1, 2020, the combined ending fund balance for all budgeted funds of a school district may not exceed 300% of the maximum general fund budget. The 300% limit is not applicable to the building reserve fund, the debt service fund, or the bus depreciation reserve fund.

HB 33	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	01/13/21 - Hearing 01/12/21 - Fiscal Note Received 01/04/21 - First Reading	3:00PM 01/13/2021 House Education Hearing Room 137	Support
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Clarify school funding related to anticipated enrollment increases

12/19/2020 - NOTE-Clean up bill from Interim Education Committee.

HB 59	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	01/15/21 - Hearing 01/07/21 - Fiscal Note Printed 01/06/21 - Fiscal Note Signed	9:00AM 01/15/2021 House State Administration Hearing Room 455	Support
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Revise funding provisions in PERS

HB 68	Marta Bertoglio (R) HD 75	01/13/21 - Hearing 01/04/21 - First Reading 12/26/20 - Referred to Committee	3:00PM 01/13/2021 House Education Hearing Room 137	Watch
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Provide early school enrollment for children of relocated military families

HB 69	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	01/18/21 - Hearing 01/04/21 - First Reading 12/24/20 - Referred to Committee	3:00PM 01/18/2021 House Education Hearing Room 137	Support
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Eliminate reduced-price co-pays for school meals

12/19/2020 - NOTE-Bill from Interim Education Committee. Concept from Moffie Funk.



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HB 89	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	01/18/21 - Hearing 01/04/21 - First Reading 12/24/20 - Referred to Committee	3:00PM 01/18/2021 House Education Hearing Room 137	Support

Revise transformational learning program

12/19/2020 - NOTE-Concept from OPI. Leaning toward lottery selection instead of first come first serve.

HB 107	Ron Marshall (R) HD 87	01/13/21 - Hearing 01/07/21 - Sponsor List Modified 01/05/21 - Draft Delivered to Requester	9:00AM 01/13/2021 House State Administration Hearing Room 455	Oppose
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Revise mill levy election laws

1/11/2021 - NOTE-This bill, if passed, would require that school mill levy elections pass by a 2/3 margin and require that increases in property taxes be reported at increments of \$100,000 up to the highest value residence in the boundaries of the district.

SB 42	Carlie Boland (D) SD 12	01/13/21 - Hearing 01/04/21 - First Reading 12/23/20 - Referred to Committee	2:30PM 01/13/2021 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	Support
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Allow use of school major maintenance funds for lead remediation

12/22/2020 - NOTE-Revises school funding laws to clarify that school districts can use transferred funds, state major maintenance aid, and proceeds from the major maintenance levy for lead remediation and other emergent health and safety issues

SB 72	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	01/13/21 - Hearing 01/05/21 - First Reading 01/05/21 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically	2:30PM 01/13/2021 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	No Position
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Revise school laws related to participation in extracurricular activities

1/11/2021 - NOTE-This bill is very similar to the same bill title last session. It would allow school districts to claim partial ANB (1/16th for 6 weeks=only hundreds of dollars) for students not enrolled but participated in a sport or activity sanctioned by MHSA, an approved CTSO, or a school theater production.

SB 74	Daniel R Salomon (R) SD 47	01/14/21 - Hearing 01/06/21 - Referred to Committee 01/06/21 - First Reading	3:00PM 01/14/2021 Senate Highways and Transportation Hearing Room 405	Support
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Revise county school transportation laws

1/4/2021 - This bill comes from Missoula county. We must make sure that correcting something in Missoula county does not create and unintended and unacceptable consequence in another county. The language in the bill appears to do that.



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Revise school funding laws related to unforeseen emergencies				
1/11/2021 - NOTE-This bill appears to allow for an exception in meeting minimum aggregate hours for a circumstance related to an unforeseen emergency. This bill DOES NOT create an opportunity to close school and receive full state funding in cases similar to COVID-19 closures. The language in this bill is simply coordinating language with 20-9-805 and 806. Clean-up only.				