

Bill Number	Short Title	Bill Sponsor	Date Signed into Law	Effective Date	Notes
HB 214	Revise education laws related to remote instruction	Marta Bertoglio(R) HD 75	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB214 revises education laws to enhance educational opportunities for student by revising definitions to distinguish in-person offsite instructional settings and remote instruction and revising related definitions and statutes. It includes remote instruction for out-of-district students as a circumstance for mandatory attendance agreements under certain conditions; providing fractional enrollment for ANB calculations when a student is enrolled in multiple school districts.
HB 257	Revise education laws related to advanced opportunities program	Courtenay Sprunger(R) HD 7	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB257 Revises laws related to advanced opportunity programs by expanding personalized learning opportunities for students to accelerate their career and college readiness and reduce out-of-pocket costs for families. It also increases the amount of advanced opportunity aid available to school districts and increasing the percentage of advanced opportunity aid that must be allocated to reducing out-of-pocket costs for families.
HB 287	Revise laws related to Indian language preservation	Jonathan Windy Boy(D) HD 32	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB287 revises the Montana Indian language preservation program by emphasizing the perpetuation of Indian languages through partnerships between tribal governments and school districts, modifying the program parameters and application requirements, emphasizing the roles of tribal education and culture departments and of Indian language and cultural specialists and revising reporting requirements.
HB 321	Generally revise laws related to the coal trust	Linda Reksten(R) HD 12	5/23/2023	7/1/2023	HB321 revising laws related to the coal tax trust; establishing a conservation district fund within the coal tax trust; allocating coal severance tax funds to the conservation district fund; revising the allocation of coal severance taxes; providing for transfers; transferring money from the general fund to the school facility fund. 04/04/23 - HB321 revising laws related to the coal tax trust; establishing a conservation district fund within the coal tax trust; allocating coal severance tax funds to the conservation district fund; revising the allocation of coal severance taxes; providing for transfers; transferring money from the general fund to the school facility fund.
HB 338	Revise laws related to Indian Education for All	Jonathan Windy Boy(D) HD 32	5/23/2023	7/1/2023	HB338 revises Indian education for all by providing a definition of "educational agency", by requiring school districts to provide Indian education for all, and by enhancing the reporting requirements for Indian education for all funds distributed to school districts.
HB 382	Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations	Greg Oblander(R) HD 40	5/22/2023	7/1/2023	HB382 strengthens the state level support for career and technology student organizations program by revising the allocation of funding between the career and technology student organizations and providing purposes for distributed funds and by establishing reporting requirements.

HB 393	Establish the Students with Special Needs Equal Opportunity Act	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB393 revises laws related to establishing the students with special needs equal opportunity act and the Montana special needs equal opportunity education savings account program, establishes requirements for eligibility and allowable expenses, provides responsibilities for parents, school districts, and the superintendent of public instruction, clarifies the autonomy of participating private schools, provides for funding of special needs equal opportunity education savings accounts, establishes the special needs equal opportunity education savings trust, and provides an appropriation.
HB 396	Require school trustees to admit resident children on a part-time basis	Naarah Hastings(R) HD 50	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB396 revises laws related to the admittance of children to public schools by requiring trustees to admit resident school-aged children on a part-time basis at the parent's request.
HB 403	Generally revise laws concerning fees for teacher and specialist certificates	David Bedey(R) HD 86	5/23/2023	7/1/2023	HB403 revises laws related to teacher and specialist licensure by revising the use and setting of fees for teacher and specialist certification fees by the OPI.
HB 549	Authorizing establishment of public charter schools	Fred Anderson(R) HD 20	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB549 authorizes the establishment of public charter schools as a means of providing additional educational opportunities by providing legislative findings and intent, defining "public charter school" and providing other definitions; prescribing duties for the board of public education and required elements of charter applications and charter contracts, establishing reporting requirements, providing enrollment and governance requirements for public charter schools, providing for the creation, renewal, revocation, and closure of public charter schools, providing for performance measures for public charter schools, providing for funding of public charter schools, and establishing the public charter school account.
HB 562	Authorize establishment of community choice schools	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB562 authorizes the establishment of community choice/charter schools as a means of providing additional educational opportunities by establishing a community choice school commission by establishing choice school authorizers for overseeing choice schools, by providing an oversight fee for choice school authorizers, by providing for the creation, renewal, revocation, and closure of choice schools by providing for performance measures for choice schools, by exempting choice school teachers from state certification requirements, by providing for funding of choice schools, by establishing conditions for choice school access to school district facilities and land, and by establishing the community choice school account.
HB 588	Revise TEACH Act incentives to increase starting teacher salary	Llew Jones(R) HD 18	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB588 revising education laws related to incentives to raise starting teacher pay; by clarifying that the first 3 years of a teacher's career do not include any years under an emergency authorization for the incentive including class 5 provisional licensees in incentive eligibility.

HB 619	Generally language assessment laws for deaf and hard of hearing children	Connie Keogh(D) HD 91	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB619 revises laws relating to the assessment of language development in deaf and hard-of-hearing children; requiring the creation of a parent resource on language developmental milestones; establishing language assessment standards; establishing a temporary advisory committee.
HB 715	Revise school immunization laws	Jennifer Carlson(R) HD 69	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB715 revises laws related to exemptions to school immunization requirements; removing the authority of postsecondary schools to impose additional immunization requirements; requiring schools to provide information about exemptions to immunization requirements; modifying the religious exemption to include reasons of conscience; prohibiting the department of public health and human services from establishing exemption requirements beyond those requirements explicitly stated in law.
HB 749	Revise Montana digital academy laws	Llew Jones(R) HD 18	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB749 Revising laws regarding the Montana digital academy; revising the composition and the membership of the digital academy board; creating the Montana digital academy clearinghouse; providing requirements for remote instruction offerings through the clearinghouse.
HB 833	Establish teacher residency program	Brad Barker(R) HD 58	5/18/2023	7/1/2023	HB833 revises laws related to teacher recruitment and retention; providing legislative findings and intent; establishing the teacher residency program administered by the office of public instruction.
HB 949	Generally revise education laws related to data governance	David Bedey(R) HD 86	5/23/2023	7/1/2023	HB949 revises laws related to data governance; providing legislative findings and a purpose; providing definitions; establishing the education and workforce data governing board; providing duties for the board; establishing reporting requirements; modifying the requirements of the statewide k-12 data system and the requirements for information posted by school districts.
SB 010	Clarify school finance laws related to general fund levies	Shannon O'Brien(D) SD 46	5/22/2023	7/1/2023	SB10 came out of the Education Interim Committee and has no negative impact on K12 schools.
SB 518	Revise parental rights laws to increase parental involvement in education	Theresa Manzella(R) SD 44	5/22/2023	7/1/2023	SB518 revises laws involving parental rights; providing for parent involvement in education; providing that parents may withdraw their child from certain school instruction, including for religious purposes; establishing additional parental rights and responsibilities; providing that, with certain exceptions, employees of governmental entities are prohibited from withholding certain information from parents; providing remedies for violations.
HB 352	Provide targeted interventions to support 3rd grade reading proficiency	Brad Barker(R) HD 58	5/18/2023	7/1/2024	HB352 establishes early literacy targeted interventions by providing legislative findings, purpose, and intent; by establishing parameters and funding for three voluntary early literacy targeted intervention programs; by establishing duties of the board of public education and the superintendent of public instruction in administering the programs; and by establishing reporting requirements for participating school districts and the superintendent of public instruction.

SB 544	Revise internet laws related to material harmful to minors	Willis Curdy(D) SD 49	5/22/2023	7/1/2024	SB544 revising internet laws related to material harmful to minors; providing for liability for the publishing or distribution of material harmful to minors on the internet; providing for reasonable age verification.
SB 300	Revise speech pathologist and audiologist licensing laws	Edith (Edie) McClafferty(D) SD 38	5/10/2023	1/1/2024	SB300 revises laws related to speech-language pathologists and audiologists; by revising qualifications for licensure as a speech language pathology assistant or audiology assistant.
HB 015	Implement K-12 Inflation	David Bedey(R) HD 86	3/6/2023	7/1/2023	HB15 is the inflationary increases in state funding to public schools.
HB 171	Revise education laws related to residential treatment facilities	David Bedey(R) HD 86	4/19/2023	7/1/2023	HB171 revises laws related to the education of children receiving inpatient treatment of emotional problems; adding and revising definitions; including therapeutic group homes in the list of facilities qualifying for state payments; revising the calculation of state funding for the educational costs of children receiving inpatient treatment of emotional problems.
HB 181	Revise laws related to the superintendent of public instruction	Linda Reksten(R) HD 12	4/19/2023	7/1/2023	HB181 revising education laws related to the superintendent of public instruction; clarifies the requirement that the superintendent have a bachelor's degree; ensures that the superintendent or the deputy superintendent has at least 5 years of teaching or school administrative experience.
HB 231	Eliminate certification standards and practices advisory council	Brandon Ler(R) HD 35	5/5/2023	7/1/2023	HB231 revises education laws to eliminate the certification standards and practices advisory council.
HB 450	Protect physical self-defense in K-12 schools	Jedediah Hinkle(R) HD 67	4/27/2023	7/1/2023	HB450 provides that a student may use reasonable and necessary to protect the student's self or another person if physically attacked.
HB 504	Revise school laws to require trustees to adopt a grievance policy	Naarah Hastings(R) HD 50	4/28/2023	7/1/2023	HB504 requiring school district boards of trustees to adopt a grievance policy by providing parameters for the grievance policy.
HB 543	Revise laws for ballot wording for bonds and levies	Jedediah Hinkle(R) HD 67	5/5/2023	7/1/2023	HB543 revises the information that must be included on the ballot for a bond election and a mill levy election by requiring the ballot for a bond election to include the estimated additional property taxes imposed on a residence and requiring the ballot for a bond election and a mill levy election to include a statement about rental costs.
HB 745	Revise laws related to religious materials and prayer in schools	Greg Kmetz(R) HD 38	4/28/2023	7/1/2023	HB745 revises education laws related to religious practices and materials in schools; allows the use of religious books during free reading and for self-selected reading requirements; expands and clarifies the authorization of prayer in schools.
SB 001	Align payment schedule of school block grants	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47	4/19/2023	7/1/2023	SB1 came out of the Education Interim Committee and has no impact on K12 schools other than Colstrip and it does not negatively impact Colstrip.
SB 008	Revise transformational learning program laws	Shannon O'Brien(D) SD 46	5/3/2023	7/1/2023	SB8 revises laws related to personalized and transformational learning by defining "proficiency-based learning" and by revising eligibility requirements for transformational learning aid payments.

SB 069	Clarify school transportation laws related to passenger vehicles	Shannon O'Brien(D) SD 46	4/19/2023	7/1/2023	SB 69 has been clarified by the OPI so that it will NOT exclude the Ford Expedition you have purchased for transporting students.
SB 213	Revise laws related to school safety teams	Edith (Edie) McClafferty(D) SD 38	5/5/2023	7/1/2023	SB213 revises laws related to school safety by requiring annual review of school safety or emergency operations plans by school district trustees, clarifying the ability to use school safety funds for community-wide programs and training, and requiring county or regional interdisciplinary child information and school safety teams to adopt written agreements for operations.
SB 444	Generally revise labor laws related to work-based learning	Jason D Small(R) SD 21	5/10/2023	7/1/2023	SB444 revising laws related to work-based learning programs; requiring written agreements for work-based learning programs and specific elements to qualify for exemption from certain wage laws.
HB 203	Generally revise education laws to enhance educational opportunities	David Bedey(R) HD 86	5/5/2023	7/1/2024	HB203 revises education laws related to out-of-district attendance; revises out-of-district and tuition laws to increase educational choice and improve taxpayer equity; provides limited circumstances under which an out-of-district attendance application may be denied; requires that districts of residence pay tuition for resident children who attend out of district; requires the submission of out-of-district attendance agreements to the office of public instruction; requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide an annual report; ensures that tuition revenue received by a district of attendance is used to reduce local property taxes.
HB 583	Revise occupations and education laws for military license reciprocity	Brad Barker(R) HD 58	5/5/2023	7/1/2024	HB583 revises licensing and certification laws by providing educational certification reciprocity and occupational licensing reciprocity for military members, military spouses, and veterans.
HB 946	Implement provisions of HB2 - Section E - education	David Bedey(R) HD 86	5/17/2023	7/1/23	HB946 implements the provisions of House Bill 2 by requiring for reports to the education interim budget committee by the office of public instruction. HB352 has been signed into law and the elimination of kindergarten "exceptional circumstances" as a means a school district may admit students outside regular age parameters and clarifying that kindergarten is a single-year program has been voided.
HB 361	Provide that use of a name and sex by a student is not discrimination	Brandon Ler(R) HD 35	4/27/2023	upon passage and approval	HB361 revises laws regarding discriminatory practices in education by providing that it is not a discriminatory practice for a student to call student by the student's legal name or reference the student by the student's sex assigned at birth.
HB 367	Providing clarification for use of federal funds for data modernization	Bill Mercer(R) HD 46	5/5/2023	upon passage and approval	HB367 provides additional restrictions for appropriations for the office of public instruction database modernization.
HB 535	Revising education laws to provide a definition of "financial literacy"	Braxton Mitchell(R) HD 3	5/5/2023	upon passage and approval	HB535 revises education laws by establishing that certain statutory definitions apply to administrative rule that provides a definition of "financial literacy".

HB 744	Revise laws to protect religious expression for students and teachers	Greg Kmetz(R) HD 38	4/28/2023	upon passage and approval	HB744 provides that a student is not prohibited from initiating or participating in a conversation about religion, religious beliefs, or religious practices with another student or a teacher.
SB 070	Revise the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program	Shannon O'Brien(D) SD 46	4/25/2023	upon passage and approval	SB70 eliminates all of the restrictions for eligibility for loan repayment assistance. Any rural district that has a new open position can now advertise that it is eligible for loan repayment assistance of \$12,000 over 3 years.
SB 358	Require disclosure of taxpayer funds for lobbying by local governments/schools	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	5/10/2023	upon passage and approval	SB358 requires disclosure of local government contracts for lobbying services by requiring a local government to post certain information or the lobbying contract to the local government's website; requiring a local government to provide notice that contracts for lobbying services are available for public review if the local government does not maintain a website; requiring a report at a regularly scheduled meeting of the local government when the legislature is meeting in a regular session; providing an exemption for certain contracts between a local government and an association of local government officials.
SB 373	Provide for alternative teacher credentialing	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47	5/10/2023	upon passage and approval	SB373 revises laws related to teacher certification; establishing alternative teacher credentialing; providing requirements for applicants seeking alternative credentialing and for alternative teacher certification and endorsement programs approved by the board of public education upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction.
HB 117	Generally revise working retiree laws under TRS	Marta Bertoglio(R) HD 75	4/19/2023	7/1/2023. Act terminates 6/30/2027.	HB117 revising working retiree provisions under the teachers' retirement system. Changes one-third to 49% of the sum of the member's average final compensation. Removes "Administrator" means a school principal or district administrator other than a superintendent. from statute.
SJ 4	Provide for interim study of PERS and TRS	Wendy McKamey(R) SD 12	02/22/23 - Filed with Secretary of State	N/A	SJ4 is a request to study PERS and TRS systems. SJ4 has passed through the Senate and House and was sent to enrolling 2/8/23.
SR 33	Confirm governor's appointees for board of public education	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47	03/29/23 - Filed with Secretary of State	N/A	SR33 Senate Ed and the Senate confirmed: Renee Rasmussen, Clancy, Montana, appointed to a term ending February 1, 2029. Ron Slinger, Miles City, Montana, appointed to a term ending February 1, 2030. Tim Tharp, Savage, Montana, appointed to a term ending February 1, 2027. As members of the BPE
HB 234	Revise dissemination of obscene material to minors laws	Bob Phalen(R) HD 36	5/10/2023	No date provided.	HB234 revises laws regarding the public display or dissemination of obscene material to minors by removing exceptions for employees of public schools.
HB 366	Increase penalties for passing school buses	Donavon Hawk(D) HD 76	5/18/2023	No date provided.	HB366 increases the penalties for illegally passing a stopped school bus by providing increasing penalties for first, second, and third and subsequent offenses.

HB 458	Generally revise regulations governing the eligibility of career coaches	Fred Anderson(R) HD 20	5/23/2023	No date provided.	HB428 revising laws related to career coaches by providing a definition of "career coach" and providing for duties and qualifications for a career coach.
HB 724	Generally revise public notice requirements	Brad Barker(R) HD 58	5/5/2023	No date provided.	HB724 revises public notice requirements; allows agencies to publish meeting agendas on the agency website or social media page if they have one; requires local governments and school boards to publish meeting agendas prior to the meeting.
HB 811	Create online repository for information on school district boards of trustees	Marta Bertoglio(R) HD 75	4/28/2023	No date provided.	HB811 revises education laws to enhance public awareness and involvement in school district governance and requires the office of public instruction to create an online repository posting information about school district trustees.
SB 018	Add benefit policy statement to pension systems	Mike Cuffe(R) SD 1	2/13/2023	No date provided.	SB18 won't allow any "additional" benefits for any state sponsored pensions systems. GABA will remain in place as it is already in statute.
SB 123	Require ballot for bond election to estimate additional taxes for residence	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	05/22/23 - Chapter Number Assigned	No date provided.	SB123 requires the ballot for a bond election to include the estimated additional property taxes imposed on a residence. There have been minor amendments added to SB123.
SB 214	Enact Audio and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	Edith (Edie) McClafferty(D) SD 38	5/5/2023	No date provided.	SB214 would enact the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact and provides for criminal background checks of applicants from out of state.
SB 339	Establish reasonable childhood independence laws	Kenneth Bogner(R) SD 19	5/5/2023	No date provided.	SB339 establishes reasonable childhood independence laws.
SB 480	Remove opt in requirement for student contact information on ACT test	Mary Ann Dunwell(D) SD 42	5/5/2023	No date provided.	SB480 revises laws related to student data to increase awareness of and access to postsecondary opportunities for students; removes the requirement that students opt in to sharing information with postsecondary institutions and scholarship organizations as part of statewide assessments that 7 are also used for college entrance examinations.
HB 135	Revise administrative provisions of TRS	Marta Bertoglio(R) HD 75	4/27/2023	Section 1 7/1/2023. Sections 3 and 5 7/1/2024.	HB135 revises administrative provisions of the teachers' retirement system; establishes independent contractor status; clarifies duties of employers; revises the transfer of service from the public employees' retirement system; clarifies the purchase of the first 210 hours of service; revises the redeposit of contributions previously withdrawn from the public employees' retirement system; clarifies earned compensation limitations; revises the guaranteed annual benefit adjustment; clarifies the calculation of average final compensation; clarifies the medical examination of a disability retiree.
HB 036	Revising school funding laws related to enrollment increases	David Bedey(R) HD 86	4/27/2023	Section 1 terminates 6/30/2023. All other sections upon passage and approval.	HB36 revises school funding laws related to enrollment increases; provides for significant enrollment increase payments based on the October enrollment count; eliminates the current mechanism for anticipated unusual enrollment increases.
HB 021	Revising process for adoption of school accreditation standards	David Bedey(R) HD 86	3/23/2023	Section 1, 3, 4, and 5 upon passage and approval. Section 2 1/1/2026. Section 1 terminates 12/31/2025.	HB21 revises the process for adoption of school accreditation standards; requiring that economic impact statements for certain accreditation standards include an analysis of the time required for implementation.

HB 306	Require candidates for office be registered to vote	Braxton Mitchell(R) HD 3	5/19/2023	Upon passage and approval	HB306 requires a candidate for office to be registered to vote, including trustee candidates.
HB 361	Provide that use of a name and sex by a student is not discrimination	Brandon Ler(R) HD 35	4/27/2023	Upon passage and approval	HB361 revises laws regarding discriminatory practices in education by providing that it is not a discriminatory practice for a student to call student by the student's legal name or reference the student by the student's sex assigned at birth.
HB 377	Create a 250th commission for Montana	Linda Reksten(R) HD 12	5/18/2023	Upon passage and approval	HB377 establishes the Montana 250th commission to coordinate statewide efforts to celebrate the united states semi quincennial by establishing membership and duties of the commission which will include a representative of k12 education and recognition of some schools as set out in the code.
HB 408	Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56	5/18/2023	Upon passage and approval	HB408 revises the student scholarship organization and innovative educational program income tax credits by increasing the aggregate limits for the credits, limiting the amount of donations that a school district may retain, providing for redistribution of funds that exceed a school district's limit to 7 school districts that receive advanced opportunity aid, and revising the definition of "innovative educational program".
HB 676	Revise laws to clarify fundamental parental rights	Kerri Seekins-Crowe(R) HD 43	5/18/2023	Upon passage and approval	HB676 revising laws regarding fundamental parental rights; specifying that fundamental parental rights are exclusively reserved to the parent of a child without obstruction or interference from a government entity; providing parental rights and responsibilities; prohibiting medical care for a child without parental consent subject to exceptions.
SB 047	Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements	Theresa Manzella(R) SD 44	5/22/2023	Upon passage and approval	SB47 revises commercial driver's license law to comply with federal requirements; requiring the department of justice to query the entry-level driver training provider registry and the commercial drug and alcohol clearinghouse under certain conditions; requiring the department to take certain actions as a result of required queries.
SB 332	Require property tax increase information to be included in budget discussions	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	05/22/23 - Chapter Number Assigned	Upon passage and approval	SB332 requires local governments to include information on property tax increases in budget documents by requiring the budget resolution to include information on property tax increases.
SB 505	Revise tax increment calculation for districts that use tax increment financing	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	5/22/2023	Upon passage and approval	SB505 revises laws related to the calculation of tax increment for districts that use tax increment financing; clarifying the applicability of exclusions from tax increment financing.
HB 022	Revising use of revenue from teacher licensure fees	David Bedey(R) HD 86	3/6/2023	Void upon passage and approval of HB 231.	HB22 revises the use of revenue from teacher licensure fees by the board of public education.