

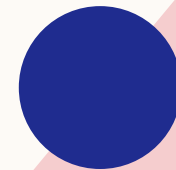
# **PASSING THE TORCH – SHAPING THE FUTURE**

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**AT THE TABLE  
OR  
ON THE MENU**

# **MONEY, MONEY MONEY**

House Ways & Means Budget  
Recommendations

# GENERAL FUND

- \$187.4 million – State Aid to Classrooms (increases teacher minimum salary schedule by \$2500) - see also EIA appropriation
  - Governor - \$254 million, Spearman - \$75 million, Weaver - \$254 million
- \$17.3 million – bus driver pay (increase to base hourly rate – see proviso 117.144)
  - Spearman - \$31.2 million (\$13.00/hour) Governor & Weaver - supplements
- \$2.2 million – CERDEP (SCDE) See also EIA appropriation
- \$1 million (nonrecurring) – SCDE agency systems, performance review
  - Weaver – external audits of the SCDE

# EIA APPROPRIATIONS

- \$136.9 million – State Aid to Classrooms (increases teacher minimum salary schedule by \$2500)
  - EIA + GF = \$ 324.3 million
- \$3 million – computer science education
  - no proviso stating how money will be allocated
- \$9.5 million – Career & Technology Education
  - Proviso 1A.51 specifies that \$2.75 million from State Aid to Classrooms is for multi-district career centers and single district career centers

# EIA

- \$300,000 – reading instruction assessment for elementary teachers
  - no proviso – SCDE Early Learning Office to pilot this assessment
- \$1.8 million – math resources and support (Teach to One)
  - no proviso – allocated to SCDE
- \$2 million – intensive developmental education and therapy services
  - Meyer Center =\$486,486, Pattison’s Academy =\$1,513,514
- \$3 million – teacher supplies (increase from \$300 to \$350)
  - Included in Spearman & Weaver’s Requests

# EIA

- \$100,000 – Project Read
  - §59-1-525 – K-5 grant program must be used for teacher in-service training & professional development
- \$10.2 million – CERDEP (SCDE)
  - total EIA + GF = \$12.4 million to increase to \$5,100/student
- \$14 million (Nonrecurring) – SCDE grants committee
  - increased \$1 million
- \$30 million (Nonrecurring) – instructional materials



# EIA

- \$15 million (nonrecurring) – high intensity tutoring
  - help school districts address learning gap, funding allocated to SCDE
- \$20.6 million (nonrecurring) - school bus lease/purchase
  - EIA + 11.9 million in lottery = \$32.5 million
- \$120 million (Nonrecurring) – capital funding for schools - Proviso 1.81
  - \$20 million for district consolidations
  - \$10 million for consolidating 3 schools into 1 campus and other educational buildings into 1
  - \$20 million for facilities school safety upgrades

# EIA

- \$42 million (nonrecurring) – literacy instruction program
  - train all K-3 teachers in LETRS and \$500 stipend to those that finish
- \$2 million (nonrecurring) – ESA Trust Fund startup administration
  - S. 39 – Education Scholarship Account
- \$10.2 million (nonrecurring) – instructional support for districts (LMS, LOR, and AMS)
  - purchase state-wide contracts to aid teachers in planning differentiated instruction

# ROLLED UP

Funds rolled-up, moved to State Aid to Classrooms

- \$26.2 million – student health and fitness (general fund)
- \$31.3 million – guidance/career specialist (general fund)
- \$85,286 – handicapped – profoundly mentally (general fund)
- \$23,698 – Aid to Districts (general fund)
- \$5.5 million – student health and fitness (EIA)

# MOVED FROM SCDE TO DPS

- \$1.9 million – school safety program (general fund)
- \$13 million – school safety program (EIA)

## Funding to DPS

- \$14.1 million – 188 new and 19 current SROs
- \$13.1 million – SRO Equipment
- \$3.2 million – Center for School Safety (**H.3360**)  
– creates the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence within SLED to provide extensive training, education and expertise.)



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TRANSPARENCY  
AND INTEGRITY  
ACT

# ANTI – CRITICAL RACE THEORY OR CRT

- Bill drastically changed on House floor vs. committee
- Prohibits the instruction of certain concepts
  - one race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin is inherently superior to another, should be discriminated against, determines moral character, one bears responsibility for another's action, fault or bias should be assigned etc.
- Teach “fact-based” history and place equally reasonable restrictions on teaching and teacher training

# ANTI – CRT CONTINUED

- Requires parent access and input on instructional materials, curriculum, library books
- Requires the posting of classroom instructional and curriculum materials
- Process for parents to file complaints and disciplinary actions
- Requires the SCDE, school districts to establish an elaborate system to investigate, discipline complaints about indoctrination

# ANTI – CRT CONTINUED

- Requires teachers to post any changes to their lesson plans three days before they deliver them (current events)
- Requires the SCDE, every school district to establish an elaborate system to deal with complaints about indoctrination
- Any parent can sue any school if they don't like what's being taught
- Sent to Senate, subcommittee meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday



**ONE IS GOOD, TWO  
MUST BE BETTER?**

# FUNDING PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Two New Proposed Ways to Send Funds to Private Schools

- S. 39 – ESA - Education Scholarship Accounts (House Education Committee)
- S. 285 – ACE (Formerly PACE)– Academic Choice in Education (Special order – adopted amendment)

# ESA VS ACE

- Eligibility
  - ESA – Tiered based on poverty –
    - 1<sup>st</sup> = 200% (5,000 students),
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> = 300% (10,000 students) , and
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> = 400% (capped at 15,000 students)
  - ACE – anyone – capped only by the amount of credits received
- Non-discrimination language
  - ESE – race, color, or national origin
  - ACE – race, color, or national origin

# ESA VS ACE

- Academic Accountability
  - ESA – SC Ready, Pass or nationally norm referenced formation assessment
  - ACE – No mention of assessments
- Implementation Responsibility
  - ESA – SC Department of Education
  - ACE – SFOs – Scholarship Funding Organizations (no cap to the number allowed in the state)
- Funding
  - ESA – General Fund
  - ACE – Tax Credit Contributions (never gets to General Fund)

# ESA VS ACE

- Scholarship amounts
  - ESA - \$6,000 per student
  - ACE – Based on categories - tiered to % of state allocated revenue per student so that the amount does not remain stagnant
    - General Scholarship – state allocated revenue/student approximately \$7,700
    - Exceptional Needs – 140% of state allocated revenue/student
    - Disadvantaged – 140% of state allocated revenue/student
    - Home School – 20% of state allocated revenue/student

**THE WHEELS OF THE BUS  
GO ROUND AND ROUND**

# HOUSE TO SENATE

- H. 3594 – Constitutional carry
  - Deletes CWP requirement to possess a weapon locked in glove compartment, truck, console etc in vehicle
- H. 3591 – Constitutional referendum
  - 2024 ballot question asking to repeal prohibition public funds to private, parochial schools
- H. 3797 – Military Students Enrollment
  - Grants school residency to active-duty military transferring to base in district
- H. 3312 – School food Services study committee
  - Passed House, Senate committees now in full Senate

# SENATE TO HOUSE

- S. 39 – Education Scholarship Account (ESAs)
- S. 124 – 10% Non-certified Teacher Hires
  - eligible schools (excellent, below average, unsat)
  - pilot program in 2024
  - definition non-certified, SCDE develops
- S. 125 - \$2,500 scholarship enhancement for education majors
  - currently math, science
  - CHE defines education major
  - includes a default provision to pay back \$



# SENATE TO HOUSE CONT.

- S. 134 – Live Streaming Board Meetings
  - Mandates livestreaming of all regular, special meetings
  - SBE, local boards develops policy include penalties 1% state funds withheld
  - If livestream is not possible, video posted no more than 2 days
  - Flexibility provided by SBE
- S. 203 – School-wide Drills
  - Decreases number of fire drills, clear confusion
  - High schools, middle school 3 drills first 15 days of 1<sup>st</sup> semester & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
  - Elementary 3 drill first 15 days of 1<sup>st</sup> semester and one additional fire drill and repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- S. 245 – Booster Clubs
- S. 256 - Sunscreen

# SENATE TO HOUSE CONT.

- s. 245 – Booster Clubs
  - clubs must register names of officers with local boards by Aug. 1
  - Check writing officers undergo SLED background check
  - Prohibits anyone from serving as financial officer convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony
- S. 256 – Sunscreen (hot, hot hot)
  - Districts may not prohibit students from possessing, applying sunscreen at school, school trips

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Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.

Malcolm X

# THANK YOU!

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