



NDE Legislative Corner

The legislative session is in full swing and senators have introduced 667 bills. Nearly three dozen bills impact education in some way or another. This week the State Board of Education held a legislative retreat to learn about, and discuss, more than 30 of those proposals.

NDE staff provided the board with summaries of the bills, their potential impact, and suggestions on how to proceed. The bill breakdown can be found in the attached document. Board members then had a chance to discuss the bills and ask questions.

After several hours of discussion, the board took stances of neutral, support, or opposition. Attached you will find the complete list of bills and the action of the board.

The board decided to oppose just one bill.

- **LB568 (Senator Erdman)** – *Change provisions related to temporary teaching certificates.*
Several board members shared concerns that this bill would negatively affect the quality of education in the classroom by diluting the qualifications for teachers.

The board chose to officially support seven bills.

- **LB235 (Senator Walz)** – *Clarify grant requirements for the Summer Food Service Program*
- **LB246 (Senator Morfeld)** – *Provide a budget exception for expanded learning opportunity programs*
- **LB247 (Senator Morfeld)** – *Provide for school district levy and bonding authority for cybersecurity*
- **LB377 (Education Committee)** – *Change provisions relating to classification of school districts*
- **LB511 (Education Committee)** – *Change provisions for payment of educational costs for state wards and students in residential settings*
- **LB512 (Education Committee)** – *Change provisions related to education*
- **LB645 (Senator Pansing Brooks)** – *Add dyslexia for purposes of special education*

The board will have a chance to revisit the proposed bills as they move further along in the session.

In other action at the retreat, the board chose members of various standing committees. Committee information, including chairs and members, are attached.

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