

# OUTCOME OF LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE 2021-2022 EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

## BACKGROUND

The 2021-2022 Education Interim Committee requested 6 bill drafts be prepared and recommended to the 2023 Legislature, 5 of which were ultimately enacted. This document provides a refresher of what passed and what didn't.

## ENACTED COMMITTEE BILLS

### SB 1 – Align payment schedule of school block grants

This was perhaps the simplest school funding clean-up bill ever requested by this committee. The bill changed one instance of the word "November" to "December" to align the payment schedule of the coal-fired generating unit closure mitigation block grant with the payment of guaranteed tax base aid.

### SB 8 – Revise transformational learning program laws

This bill provided statutory definitions of both "proficiency" and "proficiency-based learning" and increased Board of Public Education oversight of the Transformational Learning program.

### SB 10 – Clarify school finance laws related to general fund levies

This was another school funding clean-up bill that corrected the definition of "over-BASE budget levy" and eliminated obsolete references to an "additional levy" for the school district general fund.

### SB 69 – Clarify school transportation laws related to passenger vehicles

This provided some clarifications related to the implementation of HB 300 from the 2021 session which allowed school districts to utilize certain passenger vehicles to transport students to and from school-sponsored activities.

SB 70 – Revise the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program

This program has been revised numerous times in recent sessions. This bill removed the eligibility requirement that a teacher had to be teaching in a specific content area in which the school had struggled to fill a vacancy in the previous 3 years; this will allow any teacher in an "impacted school" to qualify for loan assistance under the program.

**FAILED COMMITTEE BILL**

SB 9 – Prohibit school districts operating schools outside district boundaries

This bill was withdrawn without a hearing after HB 214 was amended to address the same issue.