



SESSION SPOTLIGHT

May 14, 2021

It seems like only yesterday we approached the first major deadline of the session with First Committee Passage happening on April 9th. Now as we close in on the last two full weeks of the session, today is deadline day for the Second Committee Passage. Bills that are not exempt will not survive the deadline if they are not passed by the second committee before the end of the legislative day.

After today, the deadline for Second House Passage is next Friday leaving only bills remaining in the fiscal committees or emergency measures introduced by leadership to be resolved. The focus will mostly shift to the budget as both fiscal committees spent this week closing out budgets. In particular, t

The education budgets will be closed tomorrow with the first look at how the Pupil Centered Funding Plan runs with all the numbers in the potential different models.

A reminder to our readers - at the bottom of each Session Spotlight there is a link to click the bills that CCSD is tracking, and any scheduled meetings for next week. These reports will help you stay informed of what is happening with each bill as it moves through the legislative process.

Below is a summary of this week in the Legislature!

Education Budget Closings and the Funding Formula

On [Tuesday](#), the Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on K-12/Higher Education/CIP met and voted to move forward with full implementation of the Pupil Centered Funding Formula. They also voted to set the average base per-pupil amount to \$6,954 for fiscal year 2022 and \$7,090 for fiscal year 2023. These recommendations will now go to the joint meeting of the full fiscal committees for a vote on Saturday morning. There are still details left to be discussed such as the cost of living and the wage variance to be decided by the full committee.

Tomorrow, Saturday, May 15th, the full Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means will meet to close the K-12 education budget. This hearing starts at 8 am and can be viewed [here](#).

SB439 - Pupil Centered Funding Formula

That same [Tuesday night](#), the Senate Committee on Finance met once again to hear the presentation on SB439 from the Nevada Department of Education (NDE). The bill involves many technical adjustments to SB543 from last session such as moving special education outside of the Pupil Centered Funding Formula or turning the necessarily small school adjustment into a district equity adjustment. While some recommendations from the Commission on School Funding were in this bill, some were not able to be added due to time constraints according to NDE. The Finance Committee immediately worksessioned the bill and then today, the bill passed the full Senate Floor on a vote of 20-1 and heads to the Assembly.

CCSD Bills SB2 and SB66

With many bills moving through committees this week ahead of today's deadline, we wanted to highlight that both bills from CCSD, SB2 and SB66 were both voted out of committee and headed to the Assembly floor. SB2, which looks to remove duplicate reporting or tasks that take away from the classroom, received a 13-1 vote on Thursday's Assembly Committee on Education. Meanwhile, SB66, which looks to bridge the digital divide by identifying students who lack a digital device or sufficient internet access passed the Assembly Committee on Growth and Infrastructure by a 10-1 vote on Tuesday.

Senate Committee on Education

The following bills received a hearing this week in the Senate Committee Education:

Monday's Hearing

- **AB194** - Revises the timelines and process for suspensions and expulsions
- **AB367** - Revises provisions governing education

Wednesday's Hearing

- **AB167** - Establishes provisions relating to education
- **AB231** - Revises provisions governing education on the Holocaust and other genocides

The committee also work sessioned the following bills:

- **AB19** - Adds civics, financial literacy, and multicultural education as core academic subjects
- **AB38** - Revises provisions relating to career and technical education and work-based learning
- **AB57** - Temporarily suspends certain requirements relating to certain teacher and administrator evaluations
- **AB67** - Revises provisions relating to education
- **AB68** - Makes various changes relating to charter schools
- **AB88** - Requires schools districts to adopt a policy prohibiting the use of certain racially discriminatory identifiers
- **AB105** - Revises provisions governing interscholastic activities
- **AB109** - Revises provisions relating to charter schools
- **AB136** - Adopts changes to the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act (2015).
- **AB169** - Revises provisions governing higher education

- **AB194** - Revises the timelines and process for suspensions and expulsions
- **AB195** - English Language Learners bill of rights
- **AB215** - Revises provisions governing eligibility requirements for participation in courses for an adult to earn a high school diploma
- **AB231** - Revises provisions governing education to provide diversity and inclusivity in the academic standards and curriculum
- **AB235** - Requires school districts to provide information sessions related to the Free Application for Student Aid
- **AB254** - Revises provisions governing collegiate athletics
- **AB258** - Revises provisions governing consolidated library districts
- **AB266** - Revises provisions related to teacher evaluations and class sizes
- **AB417** - Removes criminal penalties related to bus repairs
- **AB419** - Revises provisions governing charter schools

Assembly Committee on Education

The following bills received a hearing this week in the Assembly Committee on Education:

Tuesday's Hearing

- **SB172** - Revises provisions relating to education
- **SB354** - Revises provisions relating to education

The committee also work sessioned the following bills:

- **SB2** - CCSD's bill on efficiencies in education
- **SB36** - Revises provisions to plans for responses to crises, emergencies and suicides by schools
- **SB102** - Requires that children be at least 5 years old when they enter Kindergarten
- **SB128** - Directs the State Treasurer to conduct a study concerning publicly funded scholarships and grant programs in this State
- **SB151** - Revises provisions relating to education
- **SB160** - Allows school districts to enter into a cooperative agreement with an out of state institution for courses not offered in Nevada
- **SB172** - Uniformity in dual enrollment
- **SB193** - Revises provisions relating to the education of veterans and their spouses and dependents
- **SB215** - Mandates that a school district create a plan for distance education in the future
- **SB249** - Mental health days for students and information on student identification cards
- **SB352** - Streamlines process for paraprofessionals to be able to teach as students in the school of employment
- **SB354** - Restorative justice revisions for homeless and foster students
- **SB363** - Revises provisions relating to charter schools

Want to Learn More?

As we reach the end of the 2021 Legislative session, it is important to remember that the process of governing is inherently a people driven process. While it is the legislators themselves who are ultimately responsible to push the process forward, there are hundreds of dedicated people, rarely seen, who impact the outcome of the session. Each legislator has his or her own personal staff or attaché. This attaché schedules appointments, keeps the legislator's work

organized, and assists with many other services. Additionally, each committee also has a support team, who makes sure the committee meetings run efficiently, prepare the materials needed, and provide support to lobbyists and constituents who are in attendance. They also prepare the minutes of the meetings.

The Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) may be the most important cog in the legislative process other than the legislators themselves. LCB has three primary segments – the Legal Division, the Fiscal Division and the Research Division. The Legal Division writes the actual language in the bills and ensures the legality of the bills. The Fiscal analysts prepare budgets at the direction of the legislature. The Research Analysts ensure the committee chairs and other legislators have access to accurate and current information on a wide variety of topics. In spite of the intense and stressful demands of a legislative session, these individuals remain professional and courteous as they assist legislators and ensure the work of the body is correctly done. Truly, without them and the historical knowledge they provide, the State would suffer.

The Nevada Legislature also requires police service to ensure everyone's safety, and workers who keep the legislative building a clean and historical museum that all Nevadan's can be proud of. This is another group of dedicated and friendly individuals. And finally, there are the constituents, lobbyists, and concerned citizens who help push and prod the process to its conclusion. Without all of these people, Nevada's government would not exist. Getting the amount of work done in such a short time takes smart, dedicated people working together. This combination truly is the embodiment of the state's founding vision of a citizen legislature.

For a list of bills CCSD is tracking click [here](#).

[Current Scheduled Meetings for the Week of May 17, 2021](#)

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