



# SESSION SPOTLIGHT

**June 1, 2019**

It is the last full week of the 80th Legislative Session and funding for education has taken a front seat, as the session comes to an end Monday at midnight.

## **SB555 - K-12 Budget Bill**

At Friday's Senate Finance hearing, **SB555**, the final K-12 budget was revealed. The new budget takes into account the inflationary costs and additional dollars added by Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means, as well as the dollars from the Marijuana Excise Tax that were diverted to the Distributive School Account from the Rainy Day Fund.

We want to thank Governor Sisolak, Speaker Frierson, Majority Leader Cannizzaro and other legislative leaders for the additional funding put into K-12 public education with Senate Bill 555.

We look forward to continuing to work with legislative leaders on education priorities in the final days of the session. The per-pupil numbers demonstrate the inequities in how we fund public education. That's why it's critical that legislators support SB 543 and modernize our funding formula.

More information to come over the weekend.

## **SB551 - School Safety/Payroll Tax**

Late Wednesday night until Thursday morning, Senate Finance listened to a presentation on **SB551**. The bill seeks to end the planned reduction of the Modified Business Tax rates in order to fully fund the Governor's Safety Task Force recommendations, and add additional dollars for Pre-K (\$16 million), Read by Grade 3 (\$8 million), **SB178** (\$12.6 million), as well as put supplemental funding into Zoom and Victory schools (\$30.9 million). The bill would restore the \$30.5 million of school safety dollars originally appropriated in Governor Sisolak's budget.

The bill also had originally proposed to give half of the proceeds of the Clark County Sales and Use Tax Act of 2005 (aka the More Cops Sales Tax) to CCSD for additional school police officers, but the amended version presented on Wednesday night removed that component.

## **SB80 - Handle with Care - Work Session**

At the May 24 Senate Finance meeting, CCSD presented its bill on Handle with Care, **SB80**. The bill will require first responders to make a notification through SafeVoice if they come

across a student during a significant traumatic incident such as abuse or neglect, domestic violence in the presence of a child, a death in the household, or an arrest of a parent or guardian. This will allow for schools to better identify students who need wraparound services.

A fiscal note that was placed on the bill was removed. Senate Finance then passed **SB80** on Wednesday's work session and by the full Senate on Friday with a 20-0 vote.

### **SB287 - Public Records**

On Wednesday morning's Senate Finance hearing, Senator David Parks presented **SB287**, which seeks to revise the public records law in Nevada. A newly amended version was presented during Friday night's work session where it was passed by the committee. Some concerns CCSD had with the original bill, such as liability for individual employees instead of the organization, have been removed. However, there are still concerns with remaining aspects of the bill, including the ability to charge for labor of gathering public records, especially for extraordinary requests that take hours for our staff to redact personal and private information.

### **Bills on the Governor's Desk**

As the legislative session comes to an end, many bills have gone through both houses and are now awaiting a signature from the Governor before they can become law. A few of these bills and initiatives that are important to CCSD include:

**AB78**, which notes the removal of the Achievement School District, passed the Senate Floor on a 16-4 vote on May 20 and was concurred to by the Assembly on May 27.

**SB185** clarifies requirements for parents and members of the community to volunteer at school and makes it easier to use corresponding employment background checks (instead of being re-fingerprinted by school districts). The bill received a 40-0 vote from the Assembly on May 23 and the Senate concurred on May 24.

**SB469** revises the CCSD reorganization by giving the Superintendent the ability to determine the number of School Associate Superintendents who will oversee the schools and also allows the allocation of funds to local school precincts to be projected by future enrollment as opposed to enrollment from previous quarters. The bill passed the Assembly Floor on May 24 on a 39-0 vote and was concurred to by the Assembly on May 28.

As always, you can find the full list of bills we are tracking [here](#).

The "[Calendar of Meetings](#)" on the Nevada Legislature Web site is always up to date.

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