

CSCA and CCHS/CR Legislative Summary

HB1039 IN-STATE TUITION FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED MILITARY VETERANS

Sponsors: Rep. McNulty & Sen. Kopp
Grants in-state tuition status to honorably discharged members of the armed forces and their dependents.

Current Status: 3rd reading in Senate

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Passive Support

HB1046 CAP4K ASSESSMENTS PILOT PROGRAM

Sponsors: Rep. Scanlan & Sen. Penry
Makes minor changes to SB 08-212 ("CAP4K") to permit vendors to participate in the pilot program that assess students at other times during the school year than spring. Requires local education providers to ensure that participating vendors provide assessment results directly to CDE. Requires participating vendors to supply additional information about the administration of their assessments to CDE.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Passive Support

HB1057 PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN K-12 EDUCATION

Sponsors: Rep. A. Kerr & Sen. Bacon

Allows employees of employers of 50 or more employees in Colorado to take unpaid leave from work to attend parent-teacher conferences or other academic activities relation to the educational advancement of their child. Limits the unpaid leave to 6 hours per month and 18 hours in any academic year. Permits employers to further restrict unpaid leave to increments of no more than 3 hours per day and to require written verification from the school. Requires employees to give at least one week advance notice of intent to take unpaid leave except in emergency situations. Directs employees to make reasonable efforts to schedule parental involvement outside of regular work hours. Allows employees to elect to use any paid leave time for this purpose. Specifies that employers with policy of providing comparable leave is in compliance and not required to provide any additional leave. Makes a legislative declaration about the importance of parental involvement in their child's education. Heavily amended to reduce annual cap on hours; increase advance notice requirement; align definition of "employer" with that in federal Family & Medical Leave Act; strike requirement that leave be unpaid; exempt workers needed for health or safety; further define situations for which leave may be taken to academic activities, IEP or RTI meetings, dropout prevention or attendance, discipline, suspension or expulsion meetings; limit part-time workers to pro-rated amounts of leave; and add parents of home-schooled students that participate in activities or classes at a public school. Also amended to repeal act in 5 years. Amended to further exempt employees in situations that necessitate their presence at work.

Current Status: Conference Committee Report Adopted by Senate

Fiscal Impact: None

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Active Support

HB1063 IN-STATE TUITION WHEN PARENTS MOVE FOR JOB

Sponsors: Rep. Summers & Sen. Penry

Grants in-state tuition status to students that moved to Colorado during their senior year of high school because their parents moved here for a job. Requires such students to be legal residents of the United States and to have graduated from a Colorado public high school.

Current Status: Enacted

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Active Support

HB1065 **EDUCATOR IDENTIFIER PILOT PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Rep. Benefield & Sen. Spence

Extends the repeal date for the Quality Teachers Commission by three years so it expires on July 1, 2012. Requires annual reports of commission activities. Creates the educator identifier pilot program for teachers and principals and requires CDE to solicit letters of interest from school districts wishing to participate in the pilot. Requires CDE to select at least 3 school districts for participation from those that submitted letters of interest, at least one of which should exhibit a significant teacher gap. Requires identifiers to be assigned to teachers in districts participating in the pilot and specifies purposes for which program may be used. Amended to strike prohibition on using data for employee evaluation but specify data may not be used to negatively sanction employees. Requires personally identifying information about teachers to be maintained separately in secure data location. Specifies that CDE need not implement pilot program until sufficient funds are received through gifts, grants and donations. Requires participating school districts to submit reports to the commission that include positive uses of teacher identifiers, any misuse, discussion of adequate protections and potential policy changes to close the teacher gap and improve student achievement. Amended to specify that no general fund moneys may be appropriated for purposes of this act.

Current Status: 2nd reading in Senate

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

HB1078 **TRAIN FOSTER PARENTS ON INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Sponsors: Rep. Ryden & Sen. Hodge

Requires that the department of human services make available to foster parents training concerning individualized education programs.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CSCA	Passive Support

HB1088 CERTIFY NONPROFITS AS LOCAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UNIT

Sponsors: Rep. Balmer & Sen. Newell

Allows the executive director of the department of personnel to certify a public benefit nonprofit entity as a local public procurement unit. Conditions such certification on the public benefit nonprofit entity using any procured supplies, services, or construction in the furtherance of its stated nonprofit purpose. Defines "public benefit nonprofit entity" as an organization that receives funds from federal, state, or local governmental sources and is exempt from federal taxation under section 501 (c) (3) of the federal internal revenue code.

Current Status: Enacted

Fiscal Impact: None

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
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HB1099 COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Sponsors: Reps. Roberts and A. Kerr

Clarifies that the Colorado youth advisory council (council) is created in the legislative branch. Requires the legislative members of the council to annually designate a nonprofit or private organization designated organization) as the custodian of moneys donated to the designated organization on behalf of the council and authorizes the designated organization to expend any moneys necessary to further the council's operation and duties. Authorizes the designated organization and the council to contract with outside entities concerning the implementation of the council's operation and duties. Provides that moneys in the youth advisory council cash fund are continuously appropriated rather than subject to annual appropriation.

Current Status: Enacted

Fiscal Impact:

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CCHSCR	Monitor
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HB1125 LIMIT INCENTIVES FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND

Sponsors: Rep. Merrifield & Sen. Hudak

As amended: Prohibits school districts, BOCES, public schools and the state charter school institute from offering or providing an item of value as an incentive or reward for enrolling in or attending an educational program. Makes exceptions for items of value available continuously or at regular intervals through the school year while the child remains enrolled in the program, and also for items awarded at the end of the school year for recognition of performance or upon matriculation. Amended to also make an exception for payment for services provided by a student or their parent (while specifying that "services rendered" does not include attendance or enrollment). Defines "item of value" as having \$20 or greater value.

Current Status: Concurred with second house amendments

Fiscal Impact:

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HB1214 EDUCATION DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Sponsors: Rep. Benefield & Sen. Bacon

Clarifies role of Education Data Advisory Board ("EDAC") in reviewing reporting requirements imposed on school districts by state and federal agencies. Directs EDAC to inform the enacting state or federal agency of estimated cost to school districts and public schools to comply with reporting requirements and whether such requirements are duplicated in existing statute or regulation. By Sept. 15, 2009, directs EDAC to submit to the General Assembly and publish on the internet a written report listing data reporting requirements that are not cost-effective, duplicative, obsolete, inefficient or not used and therefore should be repealed. Changes the calendar for implementing changes to data reporting from a rolling 90-day period to a single, annual date for implementing changes. Directs the State Board of Education to update the state's interpretation of federal data privacy restrictions and to align such interpretation with that of neighboring states. Suspends data reporting requirements for a program in any year in which the General Assembly does not appropriate moneys for the program.

Current Status: Enacted

Fiscal Impact:

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CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

HB1237 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Sponsors: Rep. Primavera & Sen. B. Shaffer

Amends statutes on coordinated system of payment between state and federal funds and private health insurance for early intervention services for children aged birth to 3 years who have developmental disabilities or developmental delays and are eligible for benefits under Part C of IDEA. Clarifies mandatory insurance coverage for early intervention services. Specifies that if provider reimbursement rates paid by the state increase by more than the cost of living, private insurance plans must also increase by the same amount. Creates an exception to the cap on annual limit for services to allow post-surgical rehabilitation or therapeutic services. Directs that private insurance be accessed first before the use of state or federal funds. Prevents insurers from terminating coverage, denying claims or failing to renew due to a child accessing early intervention services. Streamlines program administration. Sets deadlines for private insurers to pay for services. Extends time allowed for payment of outstanding bills after determination that child is no longer eligible for services and private insurance is no longer required to provide coverage.

Current Status: Passed Senate unamended

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CSCA	Monitor

HB1243 DROPOUT PREVENTION / INCREASE GRADUATION RATES

Sponsors: Rep. Middleton & Sen. Bacon

Creates the Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement in CDE. Directs the office to collaborate with local education providers (school districts, BOCES, facility schools and institute charter schools) to reduce dropout rates and increase graduation and completion rates. Directs the office to identify high priority and priority LEPs to receive technical assistance and support from the office. Requires the office to compile a report on effective dropout prevention and student engagement and re-engagement policies based on research and data. Requires the office to annual analyze attendance data and assess incidence, causes and effects of dropout, engagement and re-engagement and recommend strategies to local education providers and state policymakers. Requires high priority and priority local education providers to conduct a practices assessment and adopt a graduation and completion plan. Directs CDE to provide technical assistance and provide a template for the practices assessment. Requires high priority and priority local education providers to submit their practices assessment and plans to CDE for publication and posting on CDE website. Directs the office to review plans as part of accreditation review process. Requires local education providers to have a policy for notifying parents if a student drops out, and requires notice to include information about alternatives available to the student. Creates a student re-engagement grant program and directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules for applications and awards. Creates a cash fund for the grant program and allows CDE to retain up to 3% for administrative expenses. Requires CDE to evaluate services provided by grant program participants and report results to General Assembly. Repeals mandatory expulsion of habitually disruptive student and permits districts to suspend such students. Repeals requirement that suspension or expulsion count as an unexcused absence under a district's attendance policy. Amended to authorize receipt of gifts, grants and donations to fund office of dropout prevention and make implementation of act contingent upon receipt of sufficient funding, and to encourage CDE to use any federal funds that may be used for this purpose.

Current Status: Passed Senate as amended

Fiscal Impact: Yes

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HB1267 HIGHER ED Pervasively SECTARIAN INSTITUTIONS

Sponsors: Rep. Todd & Sen. Bacon

Eliminates statutory restriction on use of public funds for education at a "pervasively sectarian institution" and replaces it with a prohibition against funding for students pursuing a "professional degree in theology." Defines "professional degree in theology" as a degree program that is devotional in nature or designed to induce religious faith and is offered to prepare for a career in the clergy. Makes a legislative declaration citing 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in Colorado Christian University's challenge to restricted use of College Opportunity Fund and US Supreme Court ruling in Locke v. Davey. Amended to clarify that prohibition against funding for students seeking degree in theology shall not prevent such student from receiving financial assistance from a federal program, including but not limited to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Amended to require institutions to certify that students are not seeking degrees in theology.

Current Status: 3rd reading in Senate

Fiscal Impact:

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CCHSCR	Monitor
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HB1272 LIMITED GAMING - AMENDMENT 50 - COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNDING

Sponsors: Reps. Massey and Pommer & Sen. Tapia

Implements Amendment 50 as approved by Colorado voters at 2008 general election. Defines the games of roulette and craps and includes these games within definition of "limited gaming." Increases maximum single bet for all games to \$100. Directs the Limited Gaming Commission to identify new increases in gaming tax revenues attributable to new games and increased limits and specifies allocation of such new revenues to community colleges and gaming towns and counties. Specifies method of calculating the apportionment of previous gaming tax revenues and new revenues. Specifies method of distributing new revenues to community colleges based upon full-time equivalent student enrollment. Authorizes community colleges to issue revenue bonds in anticipation of receiving gaming tax revenues.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact: Yes

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HB1280 **YOUTH CHALLENGE CORPS PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Rep. Looper

Creates the "Colorado Youth Challenge Corps Program Act". Authorizes the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (department) to operate a residential youth challenge corps program through the use of contract personnel and National Guard facilities and equipment. Defines an at-risk youth as a person who is at least 15 years of age but less than 20 years of age and who has been suspended or expelled from school, is habitually truant, or is habitually disruptive in school. Specifies that the program shall comply with criteria and conditions in a cooperative agreement between National Guard bureau and the state. Directs the adjutant general in the department to apply for any available federal moneys to implement and operate the program. Authorizes acceptance of gifts, grants, or donations to implement the program. Establishes the youth challenge corps program fund. Identifies the anticipated receipt of federal moneys by the department to implement the program.

Current Status: 3rd reading in House

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

HB1285 **GOVERNMENT DATA SHARING**

Sponsors: Rep. Benefield & Sen. K. King

Creates the Government Data Advisory Board to replace the data protocol development council and specifies the membership and duties of the board. Charges board with making recommendations to OIT regarding rules for requesting data, responding to data requests and fees for providing data. Requires annual reports from board to OIT and from OIT to the General Assembly. Authorizes the CIO in OIT to adopt rules. Creates the education data subcommittee of the advisory board and specifies membership and duties. Charges the subcommittee with recommending the creation of statewide comprehensive P-20 education data system. Repeals advisory board and subcommittee on July 1, 2019 and requires sunset review prior to repeal. Amended to require education data subcommittee to ensure its recommendations comply with "America COMPETES Act" and will qualify for federal stimulus funding under the terms of the ARRA.

Current Status: Concurred with second house amendments

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Passive support

HB1290 INCREASE MAXIMUM TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL GUARD

Sponsors: Reps. Nikkel and Apuan & Sen. Harvey
Increases the maximum amount of funding that CCHE may allocated to tuition assistance for members of the National Guard from \$650,000 to \$800,000 per year.

Current Status: 3rd reading in Senate

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

HB1295 AUTHORIZE METRO STATE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Sponsors: Reps. Todd and Massey & Sen. Heath
Permits Metropolitan State College to offer master's degree programs that address the needs of its urban service area.

Current Status: Enacted

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

HB1313 EXPAND HIGHER EDUCATION CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Sponsors: Rep. Merrifield & Sen. Bacon
Allows governing board of institution of higher education to establish an optional student fee to fund student-directed programs to enrich student life and learning opportunities. Directs governing board to adopt policies to permit student body members to place a proposed fee on the ballot for a regular student election. Requires such fee to be approved by a majority vote of those voting at a regularly scheduled student election. Repeals prohibition against student fees for organization "whose primary purpose is to engage in political activity or issue advocacy" that is not approved by the individual student paying the fee. Adds "student-directed issue advocacy" to the statute listing permissible uses of student fee revenues.

Current Status: Passed Senate unamended

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor

HB1319 **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT& ASCENT PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Reps. Merrifield and Massey & Sen. Williams

Repeals existing programs for concurrent enrollment (high school fast track, PSEO, and "fast college fast jobs") and replaces them with a consolidated program that allows school districts to partner with institutions of higher education to offer college courses to qualified high school students. Requires school districts to notify parents of students in middle and high school of opportunity for concurrent enrollment. Requires students wishing to participate to apply to school district board of education and receive approval from the superintendent of the district or their designee. Requires school district to pay tuition for such students and requires the student or their parents to reimburse the district for tuition costs for any courses not completed (unless withdrawal is approved by high school principal). Requires participating students to take assessment of English and math skills to determine if basic skills courses are needed, and if needed, limits participation to students in 12th grade. Requires participating students to develop academic plan of study and have it approved by high school principal, counselor or teacher advisor. Requires cooperative agreement between school district and institution of higher education and specifies mandatory contents of such agreement, including rate of tuition. Requires copy of cooperative agreements to be filed with Dept. of Higher Education. Caps maximum tuition rate in cooperative agreement. Creates an advisory board in CDE and specifies membership and duties. Creates the ASCENT (accelerating students through concurrent enrollment) program in CDE to allow certain students to continue concurrent enrollment after completing 12th grade. Establishes criteria for CDE to select students to receive ASCENT grants. Requires CDE to include consideration of ASCENT students in preparing school accountability reports regardless of whether the participating student has completed high school graduation requirements. Specifies that qualified students participating in concurrent enrollment shall be counted in a school district's funded pupil count unless they are participating in ASCENT, in which case they shall be counted separately and funded at a lower rate (\$6,135 for FY 2009-10, and increasing at rate of per pupil base increase in years thereafter), and counted as a part-time student if they are enrolled in at less than 12 credit hours at the higher ed institution. Directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules for the programs. Requires participating school districts and higher ed institutions to submit, upon request, data to CDE or Dept of Higher Education regarding participating students. Requires CDE and Dept of Higher Ed to submit annual report to legislature. Amended to clarify that institutions of higher education are encouraged, but not required, to participate in concurrent enrollment programs. Amended to include area vocational schools. Amended to require school districts to submit to CDE estimates of the number of students that will participate in ASCENT program and receive approval for their participation based on cap set by State Board of Education.

Current Status: 2nd reading in Senate

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Active Support

HB1343 **EARLY CHILDHOOD & SCHOOL READINESS COMMISSION**

Sponsors: Rep. Massey & Sen. Williams

Creates the early childhood and school readiness legislative oversight commission and specifies the duties and issues for the 10-member commission. Gives the commission the power to propose legislation in the same manner as an interim committee, and directs legislative staff agencies to support the work of the commission if sufficient funding is received. Authorizes the receipt of gifts, grants and donations to fund the operation of the commission.

Current Status: 2nd reading in Senate

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CSCA	Monitor

HB1356 **USE STATE EDUCATION FUND FOR COF STIPEND FUNDING**

Sponsors: Rep. Pommer and Liston

Appropriates \$25 million from the State Education Fund to be used to provide College Opportunity Fund stipends to students enrolled in certain higher education programs. Makes findings as to permissible uses of SEF under the terms of Amendment 23, and specifies that COF stipends funded with SEF will be used for students in concurrent enrollment programs, remedial programs, teacher prep programs and early childhood education and development programs. Repeals act on July 1, 2010 (making this a one-year only use of SEF moneys).

Current Status: 2nd reading in House

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Pending review
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Pending review
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HB1362 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINACIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER ED

Sponsors: Rep. May & Sen. Boyd

If authorized by the state board for community colleges and occupational education, allows the governing bodies of 2 or more municipalities or counties to form a community college service area district for the purpose of providing alternative funding for community colleges through a voter-approved property or sales tax. Specifies procedures and permissible uses of new tax revenues. Gives same authority to the governing board of a state college (Adams State, Fort Lewis, Mesa State, Western State or Metropolitan State Colleges).

Current Status: Senate Local Gov't

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Pending review
CSCA	Pending review

HB1369 SEARCH PROCESS FOR LEADERS OF HIGHER ED INSTITUTIONS

Sponsors: Rep. Weissmann & Sen. Shaffer

Requires the chair of the governing board of an institution of higher education to appoint a search committee when there is an open president or chancellor position. Specifies that the search committee shall have 6 months, or as much time as necessary, to complete its search. Directs the search committee to advertise nationally, regionally and statewide; determine the qualifications for the position and direct all aspects of the search. Requires the search committee to keep the names of applicants and nominees confidential, and to interview at least 3 qualified candidates. Instructs the search committee to send at least 3 but no more than 5 nominees to the governing board along with a report on the nominations. Permits the governing board to require the search committee to interview an applicant or nominee not interviewed by the committee and provide a recommendation on such person. Requires the board to select finalists to be interviewed by the board and to make those names public. Directs finalists to make a public presentation to the institution community before the board may vote. Permits the board to interview finalists in executive session. Requires a 2/3 majority vote of the board to select a finalist for the position. Amended to require consideration of diversity.

Current Status: 2nd reading in House

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor

HJR1013 INTERIM STUDY TO CONSIDER MERGER OF CDE AND CDHE

Sponsors: Rep. Weissmann & Sen. Spence
Proposes the creation of an 8-member interim study committee of 6 legislators plus representatives of the commissioner and CCHE to consider the issues involved in merging the Colorado Department of Education with the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Makes findings about recent efforts such as the P-20 Council to align the K-12 and higher ed systems. Specifies issues to be considered by the committee.

Current Status: House Education

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB032 EDUCATION INNOVATION INSTITUTE AT UNC

Sponsors: Sen. Groff & Reps. Marostica and Todd
Creates the Education Innovation Institute at the University of Northern Colorado. Sets forth the purposes of the Institute and allows appropriations to UNC for administration of the Institute, as well as the acceptance of gifts, grants and donations. Makes a legislative declaration. Amended to specify that purposes "include but are not limited to" those listed, and to expand purposes to consideration of facility use issues. Amended to require annual report to Education Committees of General Assembly.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact: None

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB033 EXPAND FREE LUNCH TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Sponsors: Sen. Sandoval & Rep. Solano
Adds children enrolled in state-subsidized early childhood education programs operated by public schools who are eligible for reduced-cost lunches to the list of students eligible for a free lunch under the child nutrition school lunch protection program.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CSCA	Passive Support

SB068 FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Sponsors: Sen. Morse & Rep. McCann
Increases the fees for marriage licenses by \$20 dollars, and marriage and divorce filings by \$10. Allows the money from marriage license and half of the money for divorce filings to go to the domestic abuse program fund. The other half of the divorce filings money shall go to the family violence justice fund. Requires all new monies to be used only for married, separated and divorced persons. Requires at least 1/2 of the new monies in the domestic abuse fund to go to service members and their families.

Current Status: Concurred with second house amendments

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CSCA	Monitor

SB086 CSU GLOBAL CAMPUS CREATION

Sponsors: Sen. Tapia & Rep. Marostica
Creates an online university to be known as Colorado State University - Global Campus. Places CSU - Global Campus under the control of the board of governors of CSU. Specifies that it shall have moderately selective admission standards and offer baccalaureate and master-level graduate programs for nontraditional students.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB088 DOMESTIC PARTNER GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS STATE EMPLOYEES

Sponsors: Sen. Veiga & Rep. Ferrandino
Makes a legislative declaration about the prevalence of domestic partner health care benefits and the need for the state to remain competitive for recruiting and retaining skilled employees. Defines "domestic partner" as an unmarried person of the same gender as the employee who is ineligible to marry the employee with whom they have had an exclusive relationship for at least one year. Directs the state personnel director to adopt rules for state employees to elect domestic partner coverage. Beginning in fiscal year 2010-11, allows state employees to elect such coverage for their domestic partners and their dependents.

Current Status: Passed House unamended

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor

SB089 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Sponsors: Sen. K. King & Rep. Middleton

Permits the state charter school institute board to exempt the institute from the requirements of the State Procurement Code. Reduces the amount of PPR that CDE may retain from 2% to 1% of PPR. Directs each institute charter school and the institute board to recommend to the Education Committees of the General Assembly the appropriate amount of funding for the institute in each budget year. Creates a capital construction assistance fund and allocates 1% of PPR of institute charter schools into this fund. Directs the institute board to adopt rules for grant applications from institute charters. Allows the institute to make grants or interest-free loans to its charter schools from this fund and specifies process for applying for capital assistance. Clarifies ability of institute charter schools to request that the state treasurer or the institute withhold a portion of their funding for the purpose of making bond payments. Amended to delete provisions on creation of school of statewide concern as an alternative education campus. Amended to delete provisions changing funding mechanism to no longer count students in accounting districts.

Current Status: Passed House unamended

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB090 PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

Sponsors: Sen. Hudak & Reps. Benefield and Merrifield

Creates the state advisory council for parental involvement in education and specifies the membership and duties of the council. Creates a parental involvement grant program to make grants to public schools and makes the program eligible for appropriations from the State Education Fund. Directs the council to receive grant applications and make recommendations to the State Board of Education, which is charged with awarding grants. Changes the name of school advisory councils to school accountability committees. Increases the membership of school and district accountability committees while requiring a certain percentage of the members to be parents. Directs, to the extent practicable, that parents serving on these committees reflect the population of the school and district. Requires district and state institute charter schools to have an accountability committee, which must be a distinct body from the governing board of the school, and requires these committees to have a certain percentage of parents that reflect the population of the school. Adds a parent to CCHE advisory committee and several boards in CDE, including the school for the deaf and blind, and the regional service cooperatives. Amended to prevent implementation of grant program until at least \$20,000 is received. Amended to delete addition of parent to CSI board and governing boards of charter schools. Amended to permit alternative membership plan for school accountability committees if after good-faith efforts the school is unable to find sufficient number of persons willing to serve. Amended to delete potential charter revocation as consequence for noncompliance with school accountability requirement.

Current Status: Concurred with second house amendments

Fiscal Impact:

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SB123 HEALTHY CHOICES DROPOUT PREVENTION

Sponsors: Sen. Williams & Rep. Todd

Creates the Healthy Choices Dropout Prevention Pilot Program. Allows districts to apply for grants for "at-risk" schools within their district. Defines "at-risk" school as one serving students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades that meets specified free & reduced lunch eligibility and attendance and graduation rates, and excludes institute charter schools from definition. Specifies procedures for grant applications and awards and purposes for which grant funds may be used. Repeals program effective July 1, 2019. Makes program eligible to use funds from Comprehensive Health Education categorical program.

Current Status: Concurred with second house amendments

Fiscal Impact:

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CSCA	Monitor

SB130 **AUTISM SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Sen. Spence
Amended to strike everything and replace with authorization for State Charter School Institute to charter up to 3 pilot schools for children with autism or autism spectrum disorder who are currently enrolled in public schools. Allows CSI to locate such schools anywhere in the state regardless of a school district's grant of exclusive chartering authority. Defines eligible students as those identified by their school district of residence as having autism or autism spectrum disorder and that have an IEP.

Current Status: House Education

Fiscal Impact: None

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CSCA	Monitor

SB131 **REQUIRE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN SCHOOL**

Sponsors: Sen. Romer & Rep. Massey
Encourages each school board and the charter school institute to ensure that students in their elementary schools engage in at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week. Requires schools that currently exceed this amount to maintain the higher level of physical activity. Defines "physical activity" as exercise, fitness breaks, PE classes, recess, and field trips or classroom activities that include physical activity. Disallows substitution of physical activity for PE classes. Amended to apply only to elementary school students. Amended to delete reporting requirements. Amended to make permissive and "encourage" compliance.

Current Status: Conference Committee

Fiscal Impact: None

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CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB160 **ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAMS AND LICENSURE**

Sponsors: Sen. Hudak & Rep. Todd

Renames the teacher in residence program to be the "2-year alternative teacher program" and relocates statutory provisions. Renames the current alternative teacher program as the "one-year alternative teacher program." Requires both programs to meet Colorado performance-based standards for teachers. Requires both programs to receive a 5-year evaluation. Requires the State Board of Education to establish common content requirements for approved preparation programs.

Current Status: Concurred with second house amendments

Fiscal Impact: Yes

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SB163 **EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM**

Sponsors: Sens. Hudak and K. King & Reprs. Middleton and Massey

Repeals and reenacts Article 11 of Title 22, CRS, with amendments, for the purpose of aligning accountability and accreditation measures and procedures. Changes "school accountability reports" to school performance report" and requires CDE to publish them for schools, districts, the State Charter School Institute and the state as a whole. Creates the "EDGE," the Educational Data and Growth Exchange, as a web-based portal to school performance and accountability data. Changes accreditation indicators and labels for accredited school districts. Uses the Colorado Growth Model for measuring student longitudinal academic growth. Requires every school to annually adopt a performance plan, improvement plan, priority improvement plan or turnaround plan based on the school's academic performance. Requires restructuring of schools that fail to improve after 5 consecutive years on a turnaround plan. Specifies duties of CDE, commissioner, state board of education, school districts, the state charter school institute and individual schools with regard to accountability. Requires school boards to appoint or provide for election of district accountability committees and specifies membership and duties with regard to accountability and assigning accreditation status to schools.

Current Status: Concurrence Pending

Fiscal Impact:

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CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB185 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION DEPT OF EDUCATION

Sponsors: Sen. Keller & Rep. Pommer
Makes supplemental appropriations to CDE for the purpose of balancing the budget for FY 2008-09. Does not include requested funding for increased student enrollment count and lower than anticipated local property tax revenue. Rescinds numerous appropriations made during 2008 legislative session, particularly "new" spending from State Education Fund. Amended to restore \$1 million to summer school grant program using hazardous substance cash funds. Amended to restore funding for military dependent supplemental funding using \$1.8 million from hazardous substance cash funds.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB188 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION DEPT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Sponsors: Sen. Keller & Rep. Pommer
Makes supplemental appropriations to the Dept. of Higher Education.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor

SB213 ALTERNATIVE TEACHER COMPENSATION GRANT FUNDING

Sponsors: Sen. Tapia & Rep. Pommer
Makes discretionary the appropriation for the alternative teacher compensation plan grant program and rescinds the \$1 million SEF appropriated for this program in FY 2008-09

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB214 FUNDING FOR QUALITY TEACHER PROGRAM

Sponsors: Sen. Tapia & Rep. Pommer
Makes discretionary the appropriations for portions of the teacher recruitment and retention program, including the biennial survey of teaching conditions and the teacher stipends. Repeals appropriations from the State Education Fund made for the program for FY 2008-09.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB215 MODIFY APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOL FINANCE

Sponsors: Sen. Keller & Rep. Pommer
For FY 2008-09, reduces statewide base per pupil funding to \$5,250.41 to eliminate the extra \$19.72 added to the base above the constitutional requirement. Allows CDE to retain an "off-the-top" portion of the total program appropriation to fund the operation of the school finance unit. Reduces charter school capital construction from \$10 million to \$5.135 million, and specifies that \$135,000 shall be distributed to the charter school for the deaf and blind. Delays for one year the study of declining enrollment issues and rescinds the \$200,000 appropriated for this purpose.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB226 SCHOOL POLICIES FOR MANAGING FOOD ALLERGIES

Sponsors: Sen. Sandoval
Requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with CDPHE, to promulgate rules for management of food allergies and anaphylaxis among school children and specifies mandatory provisions for such rules. Requires school districts and the state charter school institute to adopt policies consistent with state board rules. Requires CDE to develop a standard form for schools to use in gathering information from parents and physicians regarding students with food allergies. Amended to delete requirement that each school ensure epipens are available to persons in the schools for emergency use.

Current Status: Passed House as amended

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB228 INCREASE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S FLEXIBILITY IN USING REVENUES

Sponsors: Sen. Morse & Reps. Marostica and Court
Eliminates the 6% limit on growth of total general fund appropriations. For statutes that use the 6% appropriations limit as a trigger, establishes a new trigger based on the actual amount appropriated from the general fund, or in the case of tax credits, that is 6% over general fund appropriations in the prior year. Eliminates other statutory references and obsolete provisions related to the appropriation limit and makes conforming amendments. Eliminates the automatic transfer to the controlled maintenance trust fund that is a percentage of excess general fund revenue. Eliminates the automatic transfer of general fund surplus to the HUTF and capital construction fund and instead gives General Assembly the discretion to make such transfers. Eliminates the automatic diversion of sales and use tax revenues to the sales and use tax holding fund and instead gives General Assembly the discretion to make such transfers. Eliminates the limit on the amount the General Assembly may appropriate from the HUTF for specified state agencies.

Current Status: Senate Reconsideration

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Active Support
CSCA	Active Support

SB237 **MANDATORY EXPULSION FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg & Rep. Acree
Repeals requirement for mandatory expulsion of a student that brings a facsimile of a firearm onto school property and instead makes act of carrying, using, actively displaying or threatening with a facsimile firearm grounds for mandatory suspension or expulsion.

Current Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Impact: None

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB256 PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT

Sponsors: Sens. Romer and Bacon & Reps. Pommer and Scanlan

Increases the per pupil funding base to \$5,507.68 to reflect the Amendment 23 "inflation + 1%" increase of 4.9%. Creates funding for "centers of excellence" as a component of the total program formula. Reduces size factors by \$3 million and at-risk funding factors by \$1.5 million to provide \$4.5 million funding for centers of excellence. Defines centers of excellence as middle and high schools with an at-risk population (free lunch eligibility) of more than 40% that achieve certain academic growth benchmarks and are designated as "high performance schools" by CDE. Holds full-day kindergarten factor steady at 0.58. Eliminates the requirement for districts to allocate per pupil amounts to reserve accounts for instructional supplies and materials and capital reserve or risk management funds and requires remaining fund balances to be used for those original purposes. Increases the 20% cap on mill levy overrides to 25% provided that any amount above the current 20% cap be used to improve student achievement. Requires CDE to seek a supplemental appropriation for full funding of any institute charter school located in a district that has insufficient state aid from which to withhold the institute school's funding. Clarifies provision in charter school act regarding purchase services to allow negotiation for purchase of educational services. Requires all students enrolling in 6th grade to register with College in Colorado, but prohibits communications directly and solely to the student until they are in 9th grade. Changes charter school funding calculations to require 100% of at-risk and centers of excellence funding to follow students to a charter school, and changes provisions for funding district administrative overhead to a percentage of per pupil funding rather than per pupil revenue. Phases-in over 3 years a requirement for charters to spend at least 75% of at-risk funding on direct instruction or staff development for education programs for at-risk students. Phases-out over a 5-year period the ability of a charter school to receive at-risk funding for students not served in the charter school by providing "hold-harmless at-risk pupil funding." Provides districts with hold-harmless at-risk funding over same 5-year period if they must pay more at-risk funding to charters due to phased-in requirement that at-risk funds follow students. Defines "hold-harmless at-risk funding" for charters and for districts to be a categorical program and funds this new categorical by reducing required increase to existing categoricals in the Long Bill. Makes conforming amendments. Amended to authorize pilot program for a residential contract school to serve at-risk students, and specifies such school would be funded by gifts, grants & donations and encourages the Governor to use "Race to the Top" grant funds for this purpose if received. Amended to delete provision preventing state backfill of lower property tax mill levy in a district that "re-Bruces." Amended to require 75% of at-risk funding for students in district schools to follow students to school buildings, but further amended to phase-in this requirement over 3 years. Amended to permit districts to designate property as constituting their 3% TABOR emergency reserve. Amended to change charter school capital construction funding to a per pupil amount of \$140 in FY 2009-10 and \$160 in FY 2010-11 and increasing at rate of inflation in budget years thereafter, costing \$7.2 million in FY 2009-10. Amended to permit State Land Board to lease or sell state trust lands to charter schools. Amended to use academic growth model (rather than CSAP scores) to determine "high performance schools" eligibility for centers of excellence funding.

Current Status: Conference Committee

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Monitor
CSCA	Monitor

SB268 COURT APPOINTMENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN

Sponsors: Sen. Tapia & Rep. Pommer

Clarifies that the state shall bear the cost of appointment of a child's legal representative or a child or family investigator in certain cases. Clarifies that, in dissolution of marriage and legal separation proceedings, prior to the entry of a decree or dissolution or legal separation, the court shall consider the combined income and assets of both parties before determining if a party is indigent. Requires the court to make specific findings that appointment of a guardian ad litem in certain delinquency cases is necessary to serve the child's best interests. Requires extraordinary and exceptional circumstances exists for the appointment of a guardian ad litem in truancy cases. Clarifies when appointment of guardian ad litem terminates in delinquency cases.

Current Status: Delivered to Governor

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
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CCHSCR	Monitor
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CSCA	Monitor
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SB273 PINNACOL ASSURANCE AUGMENT STATE REVENUE

Sponsors: Sen. White & Rep. Marostica

As soon as possible between July 1, 2009 and Sept. 1, 2009, requires the board of Pinnacol Assurance to transmit \$500 million to the state treasurer who shall credit such amount to the general fund. Clarifies the status of Pinnacol Assurance as a political subdivision of the state and that its funds are not its sole property. Adjusts appropriations in the FY 2009-10 Long Bill to restore \$300 million in cuts to higher education.

Current Status: House Appropriations

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Client Name	Position
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CCHSCR	Monitor
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CSCA	Monitor
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SB282 MERGER OF DPSRS WITH PERA

Sponsors: Sens. Sandoval and Spence & Rep. A. Kerr

Current Status: 2nd reading in House

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
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CCHSCR	Monitor
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CSCA	Monitor
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SB285 CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Sponsors: Sen. Heath & Reps. Summers and Solano
Companion bill to HB 1319. Authorizes career & technical education programs to also participate in concurrent enrollment program if such programs are approved by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. Adds a representative of CTE providers to the concurrent enrollment advisory board created by HB 09-1319. Prohibits concurrent enrollment in a CTE course unless such course is included in an approved degree or certificate program. Specifies funding of CTE categorical providers in concurrent enrollment situations.

Current Status: House Education

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Pending review
CSCA	Pending review

SB291 SCHOOL FINANCE FOR DISTRICTS THAT REINSTATE TABOR

Sponsors: Sen. Bacon and Rep. Middleton
Specifies that a school district that had "de-Bruced" and had its mill levy frozen by SB 07-199 may not receive state equalization backfill if they "re-Bruce" after March 16, 2009 for the amount of property tax revenue foregone due to a lowering of the mill levy after "re-Brucing".

Current Status: House Education

Fiscal Impact: None

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Pending review
CSCA	Pending review

SB295 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION ACCESSIBILITY

Sponsors: Sen. Boyd & Reps. May and Middleton

Permits state-supported institutions of higher education to set their own tuition rates. Removes the Dept of Higher Education's authority to set financial aid eligibility requirements and allows each institution to administer their own financial aid program. Permits institutions to opt out of state fiscal rules and instead adopt their own rules. Permits institutions to hire PERA retirees under certain circumstances without a reduction in the retiree's benefits. Requires CCHE to approve mater plans for all institution's capital construction projects. Makes numerous changes to procedural requirements for construction projects to give institutions more flexibility and less red tape.

Current Status: 3rd reading in Senate

Fiscal Impact:

Client Name	Position
CCHSCR	Pending review
CSCA	Pending review