

LEGISLATION THAT FAILED

Colorado Council on High School and College Relations

HB1009	REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT EMERGENCY DRILLS
	Rep. S. King Defines various types of emergency drills. Requires school districts, the state charter school institute and all public institutions of higher education to conduct at least two different types of emergency drills each academic year, one of which shall occur within 60 days of the beginning of the academic year. Requires advance notice to local law enforcement, fire protection and emergency management agencies in the community in which the school is located. Directs the School Safety Resource Center to assist in the development of effective protocols for emergency drills.
Position	Monitor
Current Status	Postponed Indefinitely
HB1074	VOTING RIGHTS FACULTY OF HIGHER ED BOARDS
	Rep. Middleton Grants voting rights to members of governing boards of specified public institutions of higher education in Colorado who are also faculty members of the institution. Prohibits such members from voting on any matter that concerns the hiring, salary, benefits, tenure or dismissal of a faculty member at the institution. Reduces the size of affected governing boards by one member.
Position	Monitor
Current Status	Postponed Indefinitely
HB1177	STUDENT VOTING RIGHTS CSU BOARD
	Rep. Fischer & Sen. Bacon Grants voting rights to student members of the board of governors of CSU. Directs the governor to appoint two students to the board from a group of three nominees elected by the student bodies on each CSU campus.
Position	Monitor
Current Status	Postponed Indefinitely
HB1195	INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION
	Rep. Lambert & Sen. Brophy Creates an income tax credit to offset a portion of tuition paid to private schools for certain qualifying students. Allows taxpayers to claim this credit if their child leaves public school and enters private school after the effective date of the act, and specifies the amount and mechanism for calculating the credit. Allows the credit to be carried forward for up to 3 years, but not refunded.
Position	Monitor
Current Status	Postponed Indefinitely

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HB1225 RISK ASSESSMENT OF K-12 STUDENTS

Rep. S. Schafer & Sen. Bacon

Allows school districts to conduct a risk assessment of certain students who apply for admission who have, within the previous 6 months, been involved in circumstances related to threat of physical harm or other act of violence. Requires districts to designate a qualified person to conduct such risk assessment. Lists persons and entities that must be contacted before the risk assessment may be considered complete. Specifies that school district and agency from which the student is transferring (if any) shall equally share the cost of the evaluation. Allows school district to deny admission to a student whose risk assessment results in a determination that they pose a probable risk of harm to themselves or others in the school, but requires a meeting to be held to determine appropriate educational alternative if admission is denied. Requires school districts to comply with state and federal laws regarding special education if the student is a child with a disability.

Position Pending review

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

HB1270 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT FOR PRIVATE & HOME SCHOOL

Rep. Waller

Amends the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act to permit concurrent enrollment to pupils in private schools or home-based educational programs. Requires CDE to enter into a cooperative agreement with the school district of residence and the institution of higher education in which private school or home-school students wish to enroll. Directs CDE to forward amount specified in cooperative agreement to cover costs of tuition and textbooks. Requires CDE to make information available on its website regarding eligibility for postsecondary enrollment options.

Position Pending review

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

HB1304 SUSPEND CSAPs NOT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW

Rep. Solano & Sen. Williams

For school years 2009-10 and 2010-11, suspends the administration of all writing CSAPs and all CSAPs for students in 9th and 10th grades. Cites "extreme budget restrictions" as the reason for restricting the scope of CSAP testing.

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

HB1324 EMPLOYMENT DISQUALIFICATIONS PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

Rep. McNulty & Sen. Mitchell

Prohibits public schools from employing nonlicensed personnel who have been convicted (defined to also include nolo contendere and deferred judgments) of certain criminal offenses. Creates discretionary disqualifications for certain criminal offenses that may be a bar to employment. Adds to the existing list of mandatory disqualifications for licensed educators any conviction for a felony drug offense. Makes conforming amendments to charter school and state charter school institute statutes.

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

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HB1356 USE STATE EDUCATION FUND FOR COF STIPEND FUNDING

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).

Position Monitor

Current Status Lost

HB1362 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER ED

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).

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

HB1369 SEARCH PROCESS FOR LEADERS OF HIGHER ED INSTITUTIONS

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.

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

HJR1013 INTERIM STUDY TO CONSIDER MERGER OF CDE AND CDHE

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.

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

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SB045 HIGHER EDUCATION GUARANTEED CREDIT TRANSFER

Sen. King K. & Rep. Middleton

Requires CCHE to establish articulation agreements for at least 5 baccalaureate degree programs by July 1, 2011. Defines "articulation agreements" as a formalized plan for a student to complete a 60-credit curriculum that, if completed, shall require the student to take no more than 60 additional credits at any Colorado public institution of higher education to complete the requirements for a particular 120-hour baccalaureate degree. Requires institutions to make articulation agreements available to students. Amended to specify the 5 baccalaureate degree programs as biology, business, criminal justice, elementary teacher licensure and math teacher licensure. Amended to clarify that a student taking advantage of a statewide articulation agreement for one of the 5 listed degree programs shall be required to complete an associate's degree and the 60-credit curriculum formalized in the articulation agreement. Amended to clarify that 4-year institutions that do not offer the 5 specified degree programs are not subject to the act.

Position Monitor

Current Status Lost

SB130 AUTISM SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM

Sen. Spence & Rep. Scanlan

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.

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

SB131 REQUIRE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN SCHOOL

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 in House to make permissive and "encourage" compliance.

Position Monitor

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SB155 **FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

Sen. K. King & Rep. Rice

Authorizes a metropolitan district to build a public school building when the local school district refuses a land dedication for a school site and refuses payment in lieu thereof. Directs the metropolitan district board to consult with the local school board concerning operation of the school, and allows the metropolitan district to contract with an entity or group to operate the school as a charter school. Directs the metropolitan district or the contracting entity to apply for a district charter, and if denied, to the state charter school institute. Allows a subdivider to dedicate a school site or make a payment in lieu thereof to a metropolitan district. Adds private not-for-profit early childhood education facilities and public school facilities to the list of projects for which a municipality or county may issue bond debt. Authorizes the State Board of Land Commissioners to lease or sell state trust lands to charter schools. When a qualified charter school does not restore its debt service fund to required levels, requires the State Treasurer, rather than the CECFA, to notify the governor. Allows CECFA to buy buildings on behalf of an educational institution in situations in which the building is currently occupied by a tenant and permit that tenant to remain in the facility through the term of the lease.

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

SB170 **NONDISCRIMINATION IN HIGHER ED TUITION RATES**

Sen. Romer & Rep. Miklosi

Permits students, regardless of immigration status, to qualify for in-state tuition rate if they had attended a Colorado high school for 3 years and graduated or completed a GED and they enroll in a public institution of higher education within one year after high school completion. Requires applicants for in-state tuition to sign affidavit stating they have filed an application for permanent resident status or that they intend to do so when they become eligible. Amended to remove eligibility for financial aid and the Colorado Opportunity Fund. Amended to clarify that provisions of this act do not apply to persons who can provide verification of lawful presence in the United States. Amended to restore language providing exception to requirements of HB 06S-1023 requiring verification of lawful presence.

Position Monitor

Current Status Lost

SB221 **PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL EDUCATION**

Sen. Lundberg & Rep. Lambert

For property tax years 2009 through 2013, creates a property tax credit for tuition and other educational expenses associated with private school education. Defines "qualified student" as one that attended a public school in the prior fiscal year, but switches to a private school during the years in which the credit is available. Establishes procedures for claiming the credit and permits the credit to be transferred. Provides state funding to counties to backfill lost revenues, but prevents backfill for school finance total program.

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

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SB273 **PINNACOL ASSURANCE AUGMENT STATE REVENUE**

Sen. White & Rep. Marostica

Budget Package Bill from JBC. 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.

Position Monitor

Current Status Postponed Indefinitely

SB295 **HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION ACCESSIBILITY**

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. Amended to incorporate provisions of HB 09-1362, which allows the establishment of taxing districts to support community colleges or state colleges through a sale or property tax.

Position Monitor

Current Status Lost