

2023 End of Session Report

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2023 Session Overview

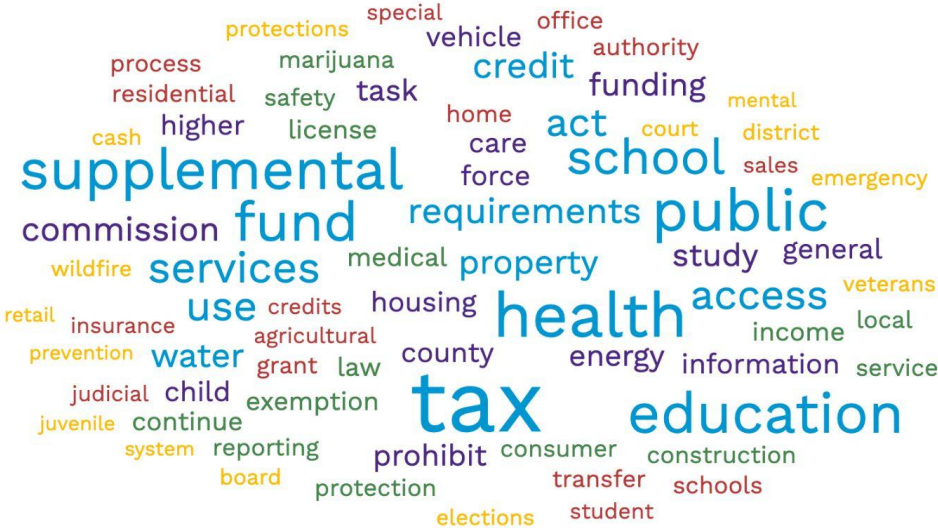


2023 Session Themes



The final totals for the 2023 session were 617 bills, 311 from the House and 306 from the Senate. 260 bills passed this session. Big issues this year were:

- Land Use
- Property Taxes
- Criminal Justice
- Environment & Energy
- Firearms
- Reproductive Rights



State Board Positions










S.B. 23-258 Consolidating Authorization of Educator Preparation Programs

- Consolidates the review and approval process for educator preparation programs from Colorado Department of Higher Education to the State Board of Education and CDE.
- Creates an advisory committee with representatives from the education field to provide input to the State Board of Education and CDE on topics related to educator preparation and quality.
- Work with CDHE and stakeholders ensured that the bill was nearly unanimous at every point in the process:
 - *Senate Education - 7-0*
 - *Senate Appropriations - 7-0*
 - *Senate Committee of the Whole - 34-0-1*
 - *House Education - 11-0*
 - *House Appropriations - 11-0*
 - *House Committee of the Whole - 61-2-2*

State Board of Education Positions

The state board voted to **support** the following bills:

- *S.B. 23-061 Eliminate State Assessment in Social Studies (8-0)*
- S.B. 23-087 Teacher Degree Apprenticeship Program (8-0) 
- H.B. 23-1064 Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact (8-0) 
- H.B. 23-1231 Mathematics in Pre-K through Twelfth Grade (8-0)  
- S.B. 23-065 Career Development Success Program (8-1) 
- S.B. 23-205 Universal High School Scholarship Program (8-1)
- *H.B. 23-1207 Concerning Stipends for National Board-Certified Educators (8-1)* 
- H.B. 23-1198 Teacher Externship Program For STEM Disciplines (7-0)
- H.B. 23-1191 Prohibit Corporal Punishment of Children (7-1)
- H.B. 23-1246 Support In-Demand Career Workforce (7-1)
- H.B. 23-1241 Task Force to Study K-12 Accountability System (6-2) 






State Board of Education Positions

The state board voted to **oppose**:

- S.B. 23-071 Education Accountability Act (8-0; “postponed indefinitely” in chamber of origin)
- H.B. 23-1239 Local Innovation in Assessments (8-0; “postponed indefinitely” in chamber of origin)

Bills by Key Initiative

Overview - Stats









- 66 introduced bills related to K-12 education
- 50 K-12 education bills passed
- 9 bills require a task force or advisory committee 
- 10 bills may require SBE rulemaking 
- 11 bills provide new or additional grant funding 

Note: not every bill from the tracker is reviewed in the next section. A full rundown can be found [here](#).



All Means All






- S.B. 23-029 Disproportionate Discipline 
- S.B. 23-099 Special Education Funding 
- S.B. 23-219 Supports to Students and Facility Schools   
- S.B. 23-296 Prevent Harassment and Discrimination in Schools
- H.B. 23-1003 School Mental Health Screening Act
- H.B. 23-1089 Special Education Services for Students in Foster Care 
- H.B. 23-1168 Legal Representation and Students with Disabilities 
- H.B. 23-1263 Translating Individualized Education Programs 
- S.B. 23-070 Mandatory Training for School Resource Officers
- S.B. 23-202 Wearing of Native American Traditional Regalia





Strong Foundations







- S.B. 23-287 Public School Finance - funding for SPED MOE*   
- H.B. 23-1235 Technical Modification to Department of Early Childhood





- S.B 23-220 Public School Capital Construction Assistance Grants 



- S.B. 23-003 Adult High School Program 
- S.B. 23-007 Adult Education  
- H.B. 23-1025 Charter School Application Timelines
- H.B. 23-1212 Promotion of Apprenticeships 









- S.B. 23-004 Employment of School Mental Health Professionals






Organizational Excellence



- S.B. 23-086 Student Leaders Institute 
- S.B. 23-094 School Transportation Task Force 
- S.B. 23-221 Healthy School Meals for All Program Fund 
- H.B. 23-1223 Task Force to Prioritize Grants Target Population 



Other Education Bills Related to CDE

- S.B. 23-014 Disordered Eating Prevention
- S.B. 23-023 CPR Training in High Schools
- H.B. 23-1009 Secondary School Student Substance Use 
- S.B. 23-008 Youth Involvement in Education Standards Review

Questions
