

Legislative Prep Worksheet – AOE

1. Pro-active

- Moratorium on any new bill that adds spending to education fund
- **Dual enrollment** – Amend Title 16 944 to allow for the 50% cost share to come off the top of the education fund rather than local budgets to increase equity. There is enough money appropriated annually under “Flexible Pathways” in the ed fund without creating a new cost for this. Budget Bill.
- **Construction Aid** – for districts undergoing consolidation (and perhaps districts with extreme poverty). Potentially also aid with conversion of old buildings no longer in use to other purposes. Budget bill.
- Accelerate attrition of **phantom students/remove small school grants** with some exceptions were needed (complete lack of alternative due to geography etc) Budget bill?
- **Set teacher compensation at the SU level?**
- **Fee bill** – 1) licensing fees for educators changed to a viable level with ascending structure – discount early, standard on-time, penalty for late. 2) Teacher Prep fees, including charging to review higher ed teacher prep programs, charge for endorsement area reviews.
- **Driver’s Education** – is an entitlement in schools but many have lottery to limit access or charge parents. Clarifying statute may help.
- **Student Data Privacy** – language drafting, sharing with AG and Jim Steyer group that is working with states across country on this issue
- **Expand Special Education efficiency block grant pilot** for schools with more than 250 kids or districts with more than 1500 kids.
- **Prohibit tax dollars for tuitioning students out of state??**

2. Defensive

- Any bill that adds new cost to the education fund
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bill likely (in response to closure of Austine School)
- Mandatory financial literacy (good idea, not supportive because it adds cost)
- Public funds to private schools – boiling pot, continues to come up - families moving to tuition towns for high school, screwing local elementary schools, all local budget is to pay for tuition, but no say in budget-setting, big problem in Southern VT – can take out the four VT historic academies when addressing this problem which may be compromise to move something on this
- Moratorium on schools privatizing, again
- Community High School of VT (could also be proactive depending) \$4 million from Ed Fund to pay for this, does not follow at standards, performance measures, rules of other schools or entities that receive ed fund dollars.

3. House-Keeping/Neutral

- Divided Vote Provision Divided vote – repeals law no longer in effect, language ready. (Budget bill)
- Move section 4011 (e) Early College to 946 (new) under Subchapter 2 – Flexible Pathways to secondary school completion
- Education Quality Standards changes to Title 16 (Misc ed bill)
- Remove outdated language on sight and hearing testing (Misc ed bill)
- CTE technical corrections language (Misc ed bill)
- MTSS technical corrections (Misc ed bill)
- Sunset Annual School Choice Report Requirement/Act 153 Jeffords report (Misc ed bill)
- Clarify Title 16 to reflect PBIS and school climate as critical factors – but NO AOE support available to substantive work on this.
- Independent school data collection – add spring census requirement to independent schools data reporting requirement