



THE POLICY AGENDA IN LANSING

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AGENDA

- Political Landscape
- Hot Topics

THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

- 30 session days remain
- House Election (110 members)
- Off July, August, *October*
- *Lame Duck*



SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT

- HB 5409-18 (Liberati, Vaupel, Greig, Tedder, Price, Heise)
- Uniform policy for EMERGENCY seclusion and restraint
- ISD develops an **emergency intervention plans**, convene **human rights commissions** and **collect data**
- Districts must conduct awareness and comprehensive training for their districts and private schools

ELECTRIC CHOICE

- Senate Bill 437 (Sen. Noffs)
- Eliminates 10% electric choice
- Forces Alternative Electric Suppliers to unnecessarily purchase capacity
- Prevents new customers from moving to Electric Choice, by imposing a new tax on customers.

TRUANCY

- Senate Bills 405-8 (Shuitmaker and Emmons)
- Defines "truant" as 10 excused absences
- Defines "chronically absent" as 10% scheduled days
- Requires additional documentation, data collection, meetings and interventions by districts
- Does NOT require disclosure when student leaves district or courts to act

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- \$50 Million Supplemental runs through June
- Finances: \$515 Million Debt, 103 Charter Schools, \$1.2 Billion Pension Liabilities and \$3.5 Billion Total Liabilities
- Discussion Points: Two Districts, Elected board, Bottom 5 percent, Funding and Authorizer Oversight, Merit Pay, Non-Certified Teachers, Admin Cost Cap, Letter Grading
- Needs: Long-Term District Stability, Responsible Debt Management, Reliable Governance

ZERO TOLERANCE

- House Bills 5618-5621 and 5693-5695.
- Encourage the use of restorative justice practices before expelling or suspending a student
- Requires student's age, disciplinary history and the seriousness of the offense to be given consideration before expelling or suspending a student
- No additional flexibility given for firearm expulsions. Federal regulations require a one-year expulsion for firearms in school. It does, however, allow a case-by-case modification

THIRD GRADE READING

(HB 4822 - PRICE)

What's good: Identification and Intervention

What's changed: Implementation Data, Literacy Coaches, High Stakes Assessment, Good Cause Exemptions, Barriers at Home

Remaining Concerns: Smart Promotion, Mandatory Retention

STUDENT PRESS AND CIVICS ACT

- Senate Bill 848 (Jones)
- Student journalist rights to exercise freedom of speech and press in school-sponsored media
- Prohibits schools from authorizing prior restraint in school-sponsored media
- Prohibits the dismissal of or retaliation against a student media adviser
- The publication or expression of ideas by a student journalist would not be attributable to the school

DARK STORES

(HB 5578 – MATUREN)

- Issue: Large box stores have been appealing their property tax values and arguing that they should be assessed at the value they would have if the store was out of business, and the building shuttered and vacant.
- The tax tribunal has ruled in favor of these stores and cost local governments and schools large amounts of property tax revenue.
- Fix: HB 5578 spells out specific criteria that must be applied in an assessment dispute when determining the true cash value of real or personal property.

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