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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 309  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A



<a href="#"><u>HB 1837</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY. Requires the Department of Education to grant public access to emergency action plans that do not pose a security risk to students, staff, or guests of school campuses. Requires each Department school to have a comprehensive school evacuation communication plan for use during emergencies. Requires the Department of Education to collaborate with the Department of Transportation to assess all Department school campuses to determine if there are sufficient emergency evacuation routes for each campus and report to the Legislature.	EDN/WAL, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2222</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the department of education to convene a staggered school start times task force to study and evaluate the issues and implications of instituting a staggered school start times program, including effects on school bus schedules. Requires a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 1657</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires all public schools to implement universal screenings for students in kindergarten through third grade to identify and support students who are at risk of dyslexia and other learning disabilities.	EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 1977</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO BRAILLE LITERACY. Establishes state policy to promote braille literacy for blind students. Requires the individualized education programs of blind students to include the instruction of Braille and provision of Braille instructional materials under certain circumstances. Requires the Department of Education to establish a Braille Literacy Resource Center. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2577</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Authorizes the Department of Health to require the Department of Education to report coronavirus disease 2019 potential outbreaks or other public health emergencies and related information in a manner most appropriate to public health and safety, as determined by the Department of Health. Repeals the requirement to publish the report on the Department of Education's website.	EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2675</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to provide and disseminate its procedures for dealing with bullying. Requires principals, teachers, and staff to disseminate the Department's bullying procedures to students. Defines bullying procedures.	EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2661</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO TEACHERS. Enacts the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact to reduce barriers to teacher license portability and employment.	EDN, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 2384</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND. Changes the means of financing for a portion of funds appropriated for deposit into the school facilities special fund to expand pre-kindergarten student capacity within the State from general funds to general obligation bond funds. Extends the lapse date of the funds.	EDN, FIN



<a href="#">HB 1903</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Expands access of early learning programs to other state properties and public lands besides public school campuses.	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2578</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Exempts prekindergarten-only public charter schools from certain provisions affecting charter schools relating to funding and finance, the use of the weighted student formula, athletics, enrollment, computer science courses and content, and enrollment in industry-credential programs.	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2061</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Allows a public charter school student who wishes to participate in a sport for which there is no athletic program at the student's charter school the ability to participate in a comparable program at any department school in the complex area where the student resides. Specifies that if the department school in the student's service area offers the student's desired athletic program, the student must participate in that athletic program and may not participate in an athletic program at a different department school in the same complex area.	EDN, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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