



Legislation Report

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Bill #	Title	Referrals/Actions	Loc	Sponsor	Pos/Pri	Dates
[CS/] HB 2 [a]	GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2026 House Bill 2 (HB 2) makes general appropriations and authorizes expenditures by state agencies.	Ref: HAFC/SFC Act: [1] HAFC-HAFC [5] DNP-CS/DP - PASSED/H (55-15) [7] SFC-SFC [12] DP/a [14] PASSED/S (23-16)	HCNR	Nathan Small		Sch: 02/18/2026 Msg: #0 Upd: 02/16/2026 Int: 01/20/2026
HB 28	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRANSPARENCY ACT House Bill 28 (HB 28) creates the Artificial Intelligence Transparency Act, which sets requirements for how artificial intelligence (AI) systems may be used when making certain important decisions about people in New Mexico. The bill requires advance notice when AI is used in decisions related to education, employment, lending, housing, health care, insurance, and legal services. It also gives consumers the right to receive an explanation and request a human review when an artificial intelligence AI system contributes to a negative decision. HB 28 also requires clear disclosure when certain AI products are designed to interact directly with users in an ongoing, conversational manner. The bill establishes enforcement authority and allows limited civil actions. HB 28 takes effect on July 1, 2026.	Ref: HRC Act: HPREF [1] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Christine Chandler	Pos: Not Germaine	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/21/2026 Int: 01/05/2026
HB 30	TEACHER RESIDENCY ACT CHANGES House Bill 30 (HB 30) amends the Teacher Residency Act to adjust the amount of the stipend for a teaching resident; allow a teaching resident to work at any public school after the residency; and allow the partner school to consider staffing needs and the resident's performance before an offer of employment.	Ref: HEC/HGEIC/SRC/SEC Act: HPREF [1] not prntd-HRC [2] w/drn-prntd-ref-HEC/HGEIC-HEC [3] DP-HGEIC [5] DP [6] PASSED/H (67-0) [8] SRC/SEC-SRC [10] w/drn-SEC	PASS	Debra Sarinana	Pos: Support	Msg: #16 Upd: 02/17/2026 Int: 01/05/2026
HB 34 [a]	SCHOOL NURSE LICENSURE PROVISIONS House Bill 34 changes licensure provisions for school nurses and inserts language to include school nurses employed by charter schools.	Ref: HHHHC/HEC/SEC/SHPAC Act: HPREF [1] not prntd-HRC- w/drn-prntd-ref-HHHHC/HEC-HHHHC [2] DP/a-HEC [3] DP [5] PASSED/H (67-0) [7] SEC/SHPAC-SEC- DP-SHPAC	SCal	Joy Garratt	Pos: Support	Sch: 02/19/2026 Msg: #8 Upd: 02/14/2026 Int: 01/05/2026
HB 40	TEMPORARY ERB MEMBER PAYMENT House Bill 40 (HB 40) is amended to provide a temporary, additional, non-compounding cost-of-living payment to retired members under the Educational Retirement Act and makes an appropriation.	Ref: HEC/HAFC Act: HPREF [1] HEC/HAFC-HEC [2] DP-HAFC	HAFC	Cynthia Borrego	Pos: Support	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/28/2026 Int: 01/06/2026

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HB 41	TEMPORARY PERA MEMBER PAYMENT House Bill 41 (HB 41) relates to public employee pensions, providing a temporary, additional, non-compounding payment to retired members under the Public Employees Retirement Act, and makes an appropriation.	Ref: HGEIC/HAFC Act: HPREF [1] HGEIC/HAFC-HGEIC- DP-HAFC	HAFC	Cynthia Borrego		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/26/2026 Int: 01/06/2026
[CS/] HB 47	SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PROGRAMS House Bill 47 (HB 47) amends group insurance contributions for school districts and charter schools. HB 47 also requires a study of the sustainability of insurance programs for public school employees. HB 47 makes an appropriation.	Ref: HEC/HAFC/SEC Act: HPREF [1] HEC/HAFC-HEC- DP/a-HAFC [6] DNP-CS/DP [7] PASSED/H (61-0) [10] SEC-SEC [14] DP	SCal	Raymundo Lara	Pos: Support	Sch: 02/19/2026 Msg: #0 Upd: 02/16/2026 Int: 01/07/2026
HB 89	COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHER LICENSURE House Bill 89 (HB 89) provides for a licensure endorsement in computer science for all grades and makes an appropriation.	Ref: HRC Act: HPREF [1] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Anita Gonzales	Pos: Not Germane	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/16/2026
HB 118	BILITERACY DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROJECT House Bill 118 (HB 118) creates the biliteracy development and training project in the public school code and provides the requirements for developing the project, including providing requirements for participation in the project. HB 118 assigns duties to the Public Education Department. HB 118 makes an appropriation.	Ref: HRC Act: [1] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Yanira Gurrola	Pos: Not Germane	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
HB 119	BILINGUAL LICENSE ENDORSEMENT PGM UNITS House Bill 119 (HB 119) establishes program units for licensed school employees with a bilingual endorsement. HB 119 provides for Public Education Department verification. HB 119 makes conforming amendments.	Ref: HRC Act: [1] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Yanira Gurrola		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
HB 120 [a]	LIMITING STUDENT RESTRAINT & SECLUSION House Bill 120 (HB 120) addresses allowable responses to student behavior; limits the use of physical restraint and seclusion; and prohibits others types of restraint and seclusion. HB 120 requires training and documentation of behaviors and techniques.	Ref: HEC/HJC/SEC/SJC Act: [1] not prntd-HRC [2] w/drn-prntd-ref-HEC/HJC-HEC [4] DP-HJC [6] DP [7] fl/a- PASSED/H (40-23) [10] SEC/SJC-SEC [12] DP-SJC	SJC	Yanira Gurrola	Pos: Oppose-Provisions of HB 120 & seclusion a	Sch: 02/18/2026 Msg: #17 Upd: 02/13/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
HB 133	GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2026 House Bill 133 (HB 133) makes general appropriations and authorizes expenditures by state agencies.	Ref: HAFC Act: [1] HAFC-HAFC	HAFC	Nathan Small	Pos: See HB 2	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/22/2026

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HB 141	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT House Bill 141 (HB 141) enacts the Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act, establishing new statewide requirements for how generative artificial intelligence systems, large online platforms, and certain device manufacturers must disclose, label, and manage content. The bill requires both visible and hidden indicators when content is generated or altered by artificial intelligence (AI), creates takedown and disclosure obligations for large platforms, and prohibits the knowing dissemination of deceptive content. HB 141 also authorizes civil enforcement by the attorney general, creates private rights of action, establishes civil penalties, and increases criminal sentences when AI is used to assist in the commission of certain felonies. The act applies to content generation, dissemination, and enforcement as specified within the bill, with phased-in compliance dates for some provisions.	Ref: HRC Act: [1] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Linda Serrato	Pos: Oppose	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
HB 149	CHARTER SCHOOLS & NMFA House Bill 149 amends the definition for "qualified Entity" in the New Mexico Finance Authority Act to include a nonprofit foundation or support organization affiliated with a charter school. HB 149 authorizes the Authority to make loans from the Charter School Facility Revolving Fund to the nonprofit foundations or support organizations. HB 149 requires the the amount of a grant from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund for lease assistance to a charter school be the greatest of the possible authorized amounts. HB 149 limits a charter school's local share of a public school capital outlay project qualified under the education adequacy category to ten percent. HB 149 makes conforming amendments. HB 149 makes a transfer from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund to the Charter School Facility Revolving Fund.	Ref: HAFC Act: [2] not prntd-HRC [7] w/drn-prntd-ref-HAFC-HAFC	HAFC	Joy Garratt	Pos: Neutral	Msg: #0 Upd: 02/11/2026 Int: 01/26/2026
HB 159	K-12 STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH PLATFORM House Bill 159 (HB 159) makes an appropriation to the Public Education Department to establish a pilot program that enables students and their families to access a no-cost mental health support platform.	Ref: HEC/HAFC Act: [2] HEC/HAFC-HEC	HEC	Tara Lujan	Pos: Neutral	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/26/2026 Int: 01/26/2026
HB 161	CHANGE K-12 PROGRAM UNIT CALCULATION House Bill 161 (HB 161) changes the program unit calculation for K-12 Plus schools based on the number of additional instructional hours.	Ref: HEC/HAFC Act: [2] HEC/HAFC-HEC	HEC	Elaine Sena Cortez	Pos: Oppose	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/26/2026 Int: 01/26/2026

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HB 174	CHATBOT SAFETY ACT House Bill 174 (HB 174) enacts the Chatbot Safety Act, which establishes consumer protection standards for certain artificial intelligence products designed to engage users in emotionally responsive, one-on-one conversations. The bill restricts specific design features intended to maximize user dependence, requires transparency and safety safeguards for users, and mandates crisis intervention protocols. Violations are treated as unfair or deceptive trade practices enforceable by the attorney general, and the bill creates a clear path for civil liability when harm results. HB 174 takes effect on January 1, 2027.	Ref: HRC Act: [2] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Andrea Romero	Pos: Neutral	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/27/2026 Int: 01/27/2026
HB 175	REPORTING ON SCHOOL BUS DATA House Bill 175 (HB 175) requires school districts and state-chartered charter schools (Schools) to report the number of charter school students transported on routes operated by the Schools and data that may show expansion of transportation services. HB 175 provides that Schools that reports data showing expanded transportation services in the current school year shall receive an allocation in the current school year for that expansion. The allocation is subject to reconciliation or adjustment in the subsequent year as provided by Public Education Department rule.	Ref: HRC Act: [2] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Kristina Orteiz	Pos: Oppose - unfunded mandate - support interim	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/27/2026 Int: 01/27/2026
HB 185	PED SECRETARY & LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS House Bill 185 (HB 185) authorizes the secretary of public education to require a local school board member to take remedial action if the secretary believes the member is willfully failing to perform a duty. HB 185 authorizes the secretary to suspend a local school board member if the member fails to take the required remedial action.	Ref: HEC/HGEIC Act: [2] not prntd-HRC [4] w/drn-prntd-ref-HEC/HGEIC-HEC [6] DP-HGEIC	HGEIC	Susan Herrera	Pos: Not Germane	Msg: #24 Upd: 02/09/2026 Int: 01/27/2026
HB 191	PED SERVICES FOR LGBTQ+ House Bill 191 (HB 191) makes an appropriation to the Public Education Department to contact for services with an education organization focused on LGBTQ+ education.	Ref: HEC/HAFC Act: [2] HEC/HAFC-HEC	HEC	Marianna Anaya	Pos: Neutral	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/27/2026 Int: 01/27/2026

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HB 193	SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PRIVATE ED & TAX CREDITS House Bill 193 (HB 193) authorizes nonprofit school tuition organizations to award private school scholarships to certain low-income students and creates two new tax credits for contributions to those organizations: an Educational Scholarship Income Tax Credit and an Educational Scholarship Corporate Income Tax Credit. The bill establishes eligibility requirements for students and organizations, sets credit caps for individual and corporate donors, and includes reporting and audit requirements. HB 193 applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.	Ref: HEC/HTRC Act: [2] HEC/HTRC-HEC	HEC	Rodney (Rod) Montoya		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/27/2026 Int: 01/27/2026
HB 205	SCHOOL TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT House Bill 205 (HB 205) creates a Career Technical Externship Program in the Workforce Solutions Department to provide professional development for public school teachers and public community college faculty. HB 205 makes an appropriation.	Ref: HEC/HAFC Act: [2] HEC/HAFC-HEC	HEC	Anita Gonzales	Pos: Oppose - def	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/28/2026 Int: 01/28/2026
HB 218	ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT ENFORCEMENT House Bill 218 (HB 218) amends the Attendance for Success Act to enhance and expand enforcement provisions to reduce excessive absenteeism. HB 218 makes it a crime for a parent of an excessively absent student to cause or allow the student to continue to be absent from school after a report is made to the juvenile probation services office. HB 218 prescribes penalties.	Ref: HRC Act: [3] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Luis Terrazas		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/29/2026 Int: 01/29/2026
HB 219	ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS ACT CHANGES House Bill 219 (HB 219) requires greater cooperation between schools and juvenile probation services in the enforcement of the Attendance for Success Act (Act). HB 219 requires a preliminary inquiry of a delinquency complaint to include a review of the child's school attendance. HB 219 requires juvenile probation services to initiate or review interventions for a child subject to a delinquency complaint who is chronically or excessively absent from school. HB 219 requires a children's court attorney to initiate proceedings pursuant to the Family in Need of Court-ordered Services Act for certain children who are chronically or excessively absent from school. HB 219 authorizes juvenile probation services to initiate enforcement of the Act for certain students who are chronically or excessively absent from school. HB 219 provides juvenile probation services with immediate access to a student's attendance records.	Ref: HEC/HJC Act: [3] not prntd-HRC [5] w/drn-prntd-ref-HEC/HJC-HEC	HEC	Luis Terrazas		Msg: #70 Upd: 02/05/2026 Int: 01/29/2026

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HB 240	EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACCOUNT ACT House Bill 240 (HB 240) enacts the Education Opportunity Act and provides powers and duties. HB 240 provides for Education Opportunity Accounts, allowable uses, and procedures and application requirements. HB 240 creates a review commission. HB 240 makes appropriations.	Ref: HRC Act: [3] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Rodney (Rod) Montoya	Pos: Not germane	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/29/2026 Int: 01/29/2026
HB 247 [a]	CAPITAL OUTLAY CHANGES House Bill 247 (HB 247) provides limitations and requirements for certain capital outlay projects, reauthorizations and appropriations and amends sections of Laws 2022 through 2025 to require certain unexpended General Fund capital outlay appropriations to revert to the Capital Development and Reserve Fund or the Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund.	Ref: HTRC/SFC Act: [3] HTRC-HTRC [6] DP/a - PASSED/H (48-20) [10] SFC-SFC- DP/a	SCal	Derrick Lente		Sch: 02/19/2026 Msg: #0 Upd: 02/12/2026 Int: 01/30/2026
[*CS/] HB 248	GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS House Bill 247 (HB 247) authorizes the issuance and sale of capital projects general obligation bonds to make capital expenditures for senior centers statewide, higher education, libraries statewide and other purposes; provides for a property tax levy for payment of principal of, interest on and certain costs related to the bonds; requires approval of the registered voters at the 2026 general election of the state; and declares an emergency.	Ref: HTRC/SFC Act: [3] HTRC-HTRC [9] DNP-CS/DP - PASSED/H (65-0) [14] SFC-SFC- DP	SCal	Derrick Lente		Sch: 02/18/2026 Msg: #0 Upd: 02/17/2026 Int: 01/30/2026
[*CS/] HB 253 [a]	PUBLIC EDUCATION CHANGES HB 253 (HB 253) amends the Public School Finance Act. HB 253 requires school districts and charter schools to report membership estimates of students to be enrolled as distance learning (DL) students and maintain records regarding DL students. HB 253 excludes a school district's membership of students enrolled in DL programs from the calculation for size adjustment program units. HB 253 amends the statewide Cyber Academy Act and renames it the Distance Learning Act (DL Act) and makes new requirements for schools operating DL programs. HB 253 clarifies the requirements of schools regarding distance learning and students with disabilities. HB 253 requires the Public Education Department approval of DL programs and provides a process for schools to apply for approval of a program. Makes conforming amendments, enacts temporary provisions, repeals a section and declares an emergency.	Ref: HEC/HAFC/SEC Act: [3] HEC/HAFC-HEC [6] DNP-CS/DP-HAFC [9] DP/a - PASSED/H (69-0) [13] SEC-SEC [14] DP	SCal	Joy Garratt	Pos: Oppose in current session	Sch: 02/19/2026 Msg: #0 Upd: 02/16/2026 Int: 01/30/2026
HB 256	DEFIBRILLATORS AT SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS House Bill 256 requires automated external defibrillators to be available during all school athletic activities.	Ref: HHHC/HEC/SHPAC Act: [3] not prntd-HRC [5] w/drn-prntd-ref-HHHC/HEC-HHHC [6] DP-HEC [8] DP [9] PASSED/H (66-0) [13] SHPAC-SHPAC [14] DP	SCal	Pamelya Herndon	Pos: Neutral	Sch: 02/18/2026 Msg: #64 Upd: 02/17/2026 Int: 01/30/2026

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HB 261	SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES House Bill 261 (HB 261) makes an appropriation to the Public Education Department for activity buses.	Ref: HEC/HAFC Act: [3] HEC/HAFC-HEC	HEC	Luis Terrazas	Pos: Support	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/30/2026 Int: 01/30/2026
HB 262	SCHOOL TRANSPORT EMERGENCY FUND USES House Bill 262 (HB 262) adds a permitted use for money in the Transportation Emergency Fund.	Ref: HEC/HAFC Act: [3] HEC/HAFC-HEC	HEC	Luis Terrazas	Pos: Support	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/30/2026 Int: 01/30/2026
HB 263	SCHOOL MATH & SCIENCE CHANGES House Bill 263 enacts a new section of the Mathematics and Science Education Act. HB 263 requires automatic enrollment of certain students in available advance mathematics courses and provides exceptions. HB 263 requires schools to report annually to the Mathematics and Science Bureau of the Public Education Department on data. HB 263 assigns duties to the bureau and the department.	Ref: HRC Act: [3] not prntd-HRC	HRC	Catherine Cullen	Pos: Support	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/30/2026 Int: 01/30/2026
HB 324	SCHOOL DISTRICT FIREARM SAFETY TRAINING House Bill 324 (HB 324) requires school districts and charter schools to provide annual firearm safety training to students and the requirements for the training. HB 324 assigns powers and duties to the Public Education Department and the Department of Public Safety.	Ref: HRC Act: [5] not prntd-HRC	HRC	P Mark Duncan		Msg: #0 Upd: 02/04/2026 Int: 02/04/2026
HM 2	STUDY SCREEN USE IN ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS House Memorial 2 (HM 2) requests the Legislative Education Study Committee to conduct a study of the use of screen time for instruction and assessment in elementary school classrooms. HM 2 also requests the Public Education Department to establish guidelines for screen use in elementary school classrooms.	Ref: HEC Act: HPREF [2] HEC-HEC [5] DP	HCAL	Joy Garratt	Pos: Support	Sch: 02/18/2026 Msg: #0 Upd: 02/04/2026 Int: 01/05/2026
HM 3	HONORING NURSES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS House Memorial 3 (HM 3) honors New Mexico nurses and health care workers.	Ref: HPREF Act: HPREF [2] nt prntd-nt ref com-tbld [5] w/drn - PASSED/H (70-0) [9] SGND.	PSGN	Kathleen Cates		Msg: #0 Upd: 02/14/2026 Int: 01/06/2026
SB 19	SCHOOL FINANCE UNIT VALUE RESET Senate Bill 19 (SB 19) makes changes to Public School Finance to provide for the reset of the unit value.	Ref: SCC/SEC/HEC Act: [3] SCC/SEC-SCC-germane-SEC- DP [5] PASSED/S (36-1) [2] HEC-HEC [3] DP - PASSED/H (65-0) [5] SGND BY GOV (Jan. 31) Ch. 2.	PCH	William Soules	Pos: Support	Msg: #26 Upd: 02/02/2026 Int: 01/23/2026
SB 29 [a]	MATH REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHING LICENSE Senate Bill 29 (SB 29) increases mathematics requirements for teaching licensure or endorsement. SB 29 provides for a a range of supports for educators to improve student success in mathematics.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC/HGEIC/HEC Act: [1] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC-germane-SEC [3] DP/a-SFC [5] DP - PASSED/S (34-0)-HGEIC/HEC-HGEIC [6] DP-HEC [7] DP/a [12]	SCNR	William Soules	Pos: Support /a Support	Msg: #6 Upd: 02/17/2026 Int: 01/21/2026

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SB 34	PUBLISH STANDARDS-BASED ASSESSMENT INFO Senate Bill 34 (SB 34) requires the Public School Education Department to report and publish data on the results of the standards-based assessments administered in the immediately preceding school year prior to September 1 of each year. SB 34 makes conforming and technical amendments.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SHPAC Act: [1] SCC/SEC/SHPAC-SCC	SCC	Gabriel Ramos	Pos: Support	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/21/2026 Int: 01/21/2026
SB 37 [a]	HIGH QUALITY LITERACY INSTRUCTION ACT Senate Bill 37 (SB 37) creates the Literacy Instruction Act that requires public schools to provide standards for instructional materials, assessments of young students and interventions for students having reading difficulty. SB 37 requires the Public Education Department to assign literacy instructional coaches to certain public schools.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC/HGEIC/HEC Act: [1] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC-germane-SEC- DP-SFC [5] DP - PASSED/S (39-0)- HGEIC/HEC-HGEIC [6] DP-HEC [7] DP/a	HCal	Mimi Stewart	Pos: Support w/ amendments	Msg: #5 Upd: 02/11/2026 Int: 01/21/2026
SB 49	SCHOOL-AGE APPROPRIATE FILTERING PROJECT Senate Bill 49 (SB 49) requires school districts to establish policies regarding the management of public school libraries and administration of programs and services. SB 49 prohibits retaliation.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [1] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC	SCC	Anthony (Ant) Thornton	Pos: Oppose (Unfunded mandate)	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/21/2026 Int: 01/21/2026
SB 52	PERA COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS Senate Bill 52 (SB 52) repeals and reenacts a section of the Public Employees Retirement Act (PERA) relating to cost-of-living adjustment provisions for qualified pension recipients; provides cost-of-living adjustments that are equal to social security and supplemental security income cost-of-living adjustments; and makes a fifty-million dollar (\$50,000,000) appropriation.	Ref: SCC/SHPAC/SFC Act: [1] SCC/SHPAC/SFC-SCC	SCC	Michael Padilla		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/21/2026 Int: 01/21/2026
SB 54	SCHOOL PERSONNEL REQUIRED TRAININGS Senate Bill 54 amends sections of public school personnel to reduce the frequency of certain required trainings or professional development and makes conforming amendments.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SJC Act: [1] SCC/SEC/SJC-SCC	SCC	Gabriel Ramos	Pos: Not Germane	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/21/2026 Int: 01/21/2026
SB 56	CREATE CHILD WELFARE AUTHORITY Senate Bill 56 (SB 56) creates the Child Welfare Authority; creates a board of regents of the authority; provides powers and duties; transfers money, property, contracts and statutory references from the Children, Youth and Families Department to the Child Welfare Authority; amends, repeals, enacts and recompiles sections of the NMSA 1978.	Ref: SCC/SRC/SFC Act: [1] SCC/SRC/SFC-SCC	SCC	Michael Padilla	Pos: Neutral	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/21/2026 Int: 01/21/2026

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SB 64 [a]	CREATE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION Senate Bill 64 (SB 64) creates the Special Education Act and the office of Special Education. SB 64 provides for a Deputy Secretary of Special Education. SB 64 removes gifted students from special education and recompiles education statutes and updates the NMSA 1978.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC/HGEIC/HEC Act: [1] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC-germane-SEC [5] DP/a-SFC- DP/a [7] PASSED/S (38-1) [5] HGEIC/HEC-HGEIC [6] DP-HEC [8] DP [12]	PASS	Mimi Stewart	Pos: Support w/adoption of our amendment for qu	Msg: #0 Upd: 02/17/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
SB 65	MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES Senate Bill 65 (SB 65) requires school districts to establish policies regarding the management of public school libraries and administration of programs and services. SB 65 prohibits retaliation.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SJC Act: [1] SCC/SEC/SJC-SCC	SCC	Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez	Pos: Not germane - propose	Msg: #0 - due to unfunded mar Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
SB 67	BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD STANDARDS Senate Bill 67 (SB 67) relates to children, establishing a "best interests of the child standard" as the primary and controlling standard applied to judicial and Children, Youth and Families Department actions for decisions and determinations in abuse and neglect cases. The act amends and enacts sections of the Abuse and Neglect Act to prioritize child safety and clarify the definition of "aggravated circumstances"; provides that a court must assure that the child's court-appointed guardian and the child's attorney represent the best interests of the child; amends the statutory purpose of the Children's Code to ensure the best interests of the child as the primary concern; provides for applicability; requires written findings; and requires rule adoption.	Ref: SCC/SHPAC/SJC Act: [1] SCC/SHPAC/SJC-SCC	SCC	Crystal Brantley		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
SB 68	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNMENT USE ACT Senate Bill 68 (SB 68) establishes the Artificial Intelligence Government Use Act, which sets baseline rules for how public bodies in New Mexico may use artificial intelligence (AI), automated decision tools, and related technology. The bill requires public entities to adopt written policies, train employees, and ensure that significant decisions affecting people are ultimately made by a human, not a computer system. SB 68 takes effect on July 1, 2026.	Ref: SCC/SHPAC/SJC Act: [1] SCC/SHPAC/SJC-SCC	SCC	Heather Berghmans	Pos: Neutral	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
SB 84	SCHOOL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM Senate Bill 84 (SB 84) creates the High School Water Management and Conservation Program as a two-year pilot project; assigns duties to the Public Education Department. SB 84 makes an appropriation.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [1] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC	SCC	Michael Padilla	Pos: Support	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/22/2026 Int: 01/22/2026

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SB 105	ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS & EXCUSED ABSENCES Senate Bill 105 (SB 105) amends the Attendance for Success Act (Act) to clarify that certain absences are excused absences. SB 105 requires the Public Education Department to develop and publish written guidance on how to implement the Act . SB 105 makes conforming amendments.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SHPAC Act: [3] SCC/SEC/SHPAC-SCC	SCC	Harold Pope		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/23/2026 Int: 01/23/2026
SB 107	STATEWIDE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMMING Senate Bill 107 (SB 107) makes an appropriation to the Public Education Department to sustain and expand statewide out-of-school programming for school-age youth.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [3] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC-germane-SEC [5] DP-SFC	SFC	Michael Padilla		Msg: #0 Upd: 02/02/2026 Int: 01/23/2026
SB 118	BACK-TO-SCHOOL TAX HOLIDAY PRICE LIMITS Senate Bill 118 (SB 118) expands New Mexico's existing back-to-school gross receipts tax deduction by increasing the maximum eligible sale price for qualifying items by 50%. The bill raises the price caps for clothing, footwear, computers, computer accessories, and related school supplies that may be purchased tax-free during the annual back-to-school period. SB 118 takes effect on July 1, 2026.	Ref: SCC/STBTC/SFC Act: [3] SCC/STBTC/SFC-SCC-germane-STBTC	STBTC	Harold Pope		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/26/2026 Int: 01/23/2026
SB 123	DEFIBRILLATORS IN SCHOOLS Senate Bill 123 (SB 123) makes an appropriation to provide grants to public schools to purchase, install, test or maintain automated external defibrillators.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [3] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC-germane-SEC [5] DP-SFC	SFC	Pete Campos	Pos: Neutral	Msg: #0 Upd: 02/02/2026 Int: 01/23/2026
SB 125	SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS Senate Bill 125 (SB 125) amends state employee group insurance contributions for school districts and charter schools. SB 125 eliminates waivers for participation in the public school insurance authority health, disability income and term life plans. SB 125 requires reference-based pricing.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [3] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC	SCC	Roberto (Bobby) Gonzales	Pos: Not Germane	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/23/2026 Int: 01/23/2026
SB 142	SEVERANCE BONDS FOR ED. TECHNOLOGY Senate Bill 142 (SB 142) makes technical amendments to existing statutory language authorizing the issuance of supplemental severance tax bonds for education technology infrastructure. The bill clarifies and conforms provisions related to that authority without changing the amount of bonds that may be issued, the purposes for which the funds may be used, or the existing repeal date. SB 142 retains the current repeal date of July 1, 2030.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [3] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC	SCC	George Munoz		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/26/2026 Int: 01/26/2026

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SB 158	PED MICRO-CREDENTIALING PILOT PROJECT Senate Bill 158 (SB 158) creates the Micro-credential Pilot Project in the Public Education Department; provides requirements for developing and implementing the project. SB 158 makes an appropriation.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [3] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC	SCC	Harold Pope		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/27/2026 Int: 01/27/2026
SB 178	SCHOOL FINANCE CHANGES Senate Bill 178 (SB 178) requires that school districts with more than 2,000 students allocate at least 90 percent of the money a public school generates through the state equalization guarantee distribution to that public school. SB 178 limits the unrestricted cash balances of school districts that fail to meet the allocation requirement. SB 178 requires school districts and charter schools to use evidence-based spending plans to improve academic outcomes of at-risk students. SB 178 allows the Public Education Department to intervene in public schools that fail to make progress on improving outcomes.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [5] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC-germane-SEC	SEC	George Munoz		Msg: #51 Upd: 02/02/2026 Int: 01/28/2026
SB 188	PAID PARENTAL LEAVE FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES Senate Bill 188 (SB 188) enacts the Paid Parental Leave for Qualified School Employees Act. SB 188 provides up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave to qualified employees of school districts or charters schools. SB 188 provides for reimbursements to school districts or charters schools that provide parental leave. SB 188 makes an appropriation.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [5] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC	SCC	Mimi Stewart		Msg: #0 Upd: 01/29/2026 Int: 01/29/2026
SB 233	HIGH-IMPACT TUTORING FOR SOME STUDENTS Senate Bill 233 (SB 233) requires academic support, intervention and high-impact tutoring for students with a mathematics or reading deficiency. HB 233 establishes requirements for high-impact tutoring.	Ref: SCC/SEC/SFC Act: [7] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC	SCC	Steve Lanier		Msg: #0 Upd: 02/03/2026 Int: 02/03/2026
SJR 1	SCHOOL ELECTION TIMING, CA Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR 1) proposes to amend the Constitution of New Mexico to remove the requirement that school elections be held separate from partisan elections.	Ref: SRC/SEC/HGEIC/HEC Act: [1] SRC/SEC-SRC [3] DP-SEC [5] DP [7] PASSED/S (38-0) [6] HGEIC/HEC-HGEIC [7] DP-HEC [10] DP	HCal	Linda Trujillo	Pos: Support	Sch: 02/18/2026 Msg: #0 Upd: 02/16/2026 Int: 01/22/2026
SJR 3	APPOINTED STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CA Senate Joint Memorial 3 (SJR 3) proposes an amendment to the Constitution of New Mexico to provide for an appointed state board of education that appoints a superintendent of public instruction as the head of the Public Education Department and sets policy for public schools. SJR 3 proposes to retain the elected Public Education Commission to serve as the chartering authority for state-chartered charter schools and have other powers and duties as provided by law.	Ref: SRC/SEC Act: [3] SRC/SEC-SRC [5] DP-SEC	SEC	William Soules	Pos: Support	Msg: #0 Upd: 01/30/2026 Int: 01/27/2026