

2022 Prefile Bills – 32nd Alaska State Legislature
Summary of K-12 Education Related Legislation:

Bill Number	Short Title	Prime Sponsor	Summary Title	Status	Impact to DEED/School Districts <i>*based on an initial review by DEED</i>
HB 223	REPEALING FUNDS, ACCOUNTS, AND PROGRAMS	KAUFMAN	"An Act relating to the curriculum improvement and best practices fund; relating to the fuel emergency fund and fuel emergency grants; relating to the Railbelt energy fund; relating to the Alaska affordable energy fund; relating to the special Alaska Historical Commission receipts account; relating to the rural electrification revolving loan fund and loans from the fund; relating to the Southeast energy fund and grants from the fund; and relating to the Exxon Valdez oil spill unincorporated rural community grant fund and grants from the fund."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill repeals the curriculum improvement and best practices fund. The fund is not in use and has never been funded.
HB 228	PUBLIC SCHOOLS: NONDISCRIMINATION; TENETS	MCKAY	"An Act relating to nondiscrimination in public education."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill prohibits the teaching of Critical Race Theory to children in public schools.
HB 229	ALASKA HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT FUND	JOSEPHSON	"An Act relating to the Alaska higher education investment fund; and relating to the Alaska Student Loan Corporation."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill would protect the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant programs, and the WWAMI program, by moving the Higher Education Investment Fund into the Alaska Student Loan

					Corporation, making it an endowment fund and protecting it from the Legislature's annual decision on the reverse sweep.
HB 230	DESIGNATE SEX FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED SPORTS	MCKAY	"An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill requires public schools to designate each school-sponsored athletic team or sport by biological sex and requires students to participate based on their biological sex. Companion to SB 140 by Senator Hughes.
HB 238	VACCINE OBJECTIONS; MINORS	GILLHAM	"An Act relating to objections to vaccines."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill requires schools to honor the COVID exemptions signed by parents or guardians on behalf of their children with respect to immunization requirements.
HB 240	EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS	SCHRAGE	"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to public schools and school districts; relating to early education programs; relating to funding for early education programs; relating to school age eligibility; relating to reports by the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to school operating funds; and providing for an effective date."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill focuses on early education programs and associated funding. The bill appears to reflect the first component of the Alaska Reads Act, including continuing the Parents as Teachers program and creating an early education grant program.
HB 244	SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAPS	GILLHAM	"An Act requiring school boards and municipalities to distribute school district boundary maps to certain persons; and requiring the Department of Education	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill requires school districts to distribute annually to parents a map of the district boundaries. This bill requires DEED to maintain a map

			and Early Development to make school district boundary maps available online."		showing all district boundaries on its website.
HB 250	APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL; FUND CAP & TRANSFER	WOOL	"An Act making appropriations for community assistance payments; making appropriations for state aid for costs of school construction; capitalizing funds; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	The bill would make supplemental appropriations for the current year (FY2022) to fully fund the School Debt Reimbursement program and fully capitalize the Regional Educational Attendance Area and Small Municipal School District School Fund (REAA Fund).
HB 259	PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND; 25/75 POMV SPLIT	SPOHNHOLZ	"An Act relating to use of income of the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the amount of the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; relating to funding for state aid for school districts, the state boarding school, centralized correspondence study, and transportation of pupils; and providing for an effective date."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill allows the legislature to appropriate additional funds from the general fund if the amount appropriated from the earnings reserve account is insufficient to fund state aid to schools. This bill allows the legislature to appropriate at least 50% of the amount appropriated under AS 37.13.145(b)(2) to the public education fund (PEF). Additionally, the Alaska Permanent Fund and Corporation, is amended to allow the legislature to appropriate from the earnings reserve account. The language reduces the percentage for the dividend fund from 50% to 25% with the remaining 75% made available for appropriation by the legislature. Of the 75% available, 50% may be appropriated to the PEF for distribution to school districts,

					boarding schools, and pupil transportation. If the amount appropriated exceeds what is needed to fully fund these programs the legislature may appropriate the remaining funds to districts based on the foundation formula (i.e. a one-time grant distributed outside the foundation formula on adjusted average daily membership).
HB 266	INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINES	EASTMAN	"An Act relating to vaccines and vaccinations; relating to pharmacists and other health care providers; relating to health care insurers; relating to schools; relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to unfair trade practices; and providing for an effective date."	Prefile – 2 nd Release 1/14/2022	This bill removes the requirement that children attending school be immunized against the diseases the commissioner of health and social services may specify, and prohibits a school, public or private, for penalizing a student for not receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.
HB 272	INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION	STORY	"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."	Prefile – 2 nd Release 1/14/2022	This bill increases the base student allocation from \$5,930 to \$6,153 for FY2023, and then increases the base student allocation again from \$6,153 to \$6,208 for FY2024.
HB 273	INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOC. INFLATION	STORY	"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."	Prefile – 2 nd Release 1/14/2022	This bill increases the base student allocation each year by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the preceding three-year period in all items of the Consumer Price

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HB 275	VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN	EASTMAN	"An Act relating to vaccines and vaccinations; relating to schools; and providing for an effective date."	Prefile – 2 nd Release 1/14/2022	This bill prohibits a school district from requiring a child in that school district to receive a vaccine if: (1) the vaccine has not yet received formal approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; (2) the vaccine is a humane gene therapy product that has not yet been subject to a complete long-term follow-up study period; or (3) the school district only delivers instruction to the child through telecommunications or other digital or electronic methods.
HJR 20	CONST. AM: EDUCATION FUNDING	JOHNSON	Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to state aid for education.	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This is a constitutional amendment that would allow for public education funding to be paid to private or religious educational institutions.
SB 157	HEALTH AND PERSONAL SAFETY EDUCATION	GRAY-JACKSON	"An Act relating to health and personal safety education; and providing for an effective date."	Prefile – 1 st Release 1/7/2022	This bill requires schools to provide a health and personal safety education program for K-12 students based on medically and scientifically accurate information, including sexual health. This bill requires the State Board to establish guidelines for this program.
