

Policy Purview

The specific policy purview of the Education Committee is not set by rule but rather is governed by the decisions of House leadership. There is overlap between the Education Policy and Education Finance Committees, and many bills are heard by both committees. This document describes some of the main areas of policy in statute that have traditionally been considered under the purview of the Education Policy Committee.

Education Code

Chapter 120A: Education code; attendance; school calendar

- Mission statement for public education
- Definitions
- Compulsory instruction and attendance
- School calendar

Chapter 120B: Curriculum and assessment

- Academic standards and graduation requirements
- Curriculum
- State accountability system
- Assessments and reporting requirements
- The Read Act

Chapter 121A: Student rights, responsibilities, and behavior

- Discrimination, harassment, violence
- Student health and safety
- Pupil Fair Dismissal Act and other discipline provisions

Chapter 122A: Teachers and other educators

- Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
- Board of School Administrators
- Licensure
- Employment contracts
- Teacher education and training, staff development
- Interstate agreements

Chapter 123A: School districts; forms for organizing

- State-approved alternative programs
- Education districts and service cooperatives
- Cooperative and combination
- Cooperative facilities grants
- Realigning districts
- Common, independent, and special districts

Chapter 123B: School district powers and duties

- Independent school districts
- Public school fees
- Aid to nonpublic students
- Extracurricular activities
- Special school districts and common school districts
- School buildings and other facilities; equipment; construction; land and sites
- District finances
- Equal treatment in transporting students
- School buses; student transportation

Chapter 124D: Education programs

- Enrollment alternatives
- School breakfast and lunch
- Learning year programs
- Community programs
- Employment-related education
- Adult education
- English learners
- Graduation incentives
- American Indian education
- School desegregation and integration
- Additional programs

Chapter 124E: Charter schools

- Purpose, definitions, and applicable law
- Administration
- Policies and procedures
- Finance

Chapter 125A: Special education and special programs

- Special education from infants to adults
- Interagency early childhood intervention system
- Alternatives for delivering specialized instruction
- Assistive technology devices
- State Academies for the Deaf and Blind
- Special needs funding

Chapter 125B: Education and technology

Chapter 126C: Education funding*

- Pupil counts
- General education revenue
- Levies
- District borrowing
- Capital and debt service loans; maximum effort school aid law
- Primarily addressed in Education Finance Committee

Chapter 127A: State administration of education

- Commissioner duties
- Department duties
- Permanent school fund
- State aid payment and adjustment
- Education compacts

Chapter 128C: High School League

Chapter 128D: Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis

Chapter 129C: Perpich Center for the Arts

Other Chapters that May Be of Interest to the Education Policy Committee

Chapter 13: Government data practices

- Governs data practices
- Educational data
- Primarily addressed in Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee

Chapter 13D: Open Meeting Law

- Governs meetings of public governing bodies
- Primarily addressed in Government Operations Committee

Chapter 14: Administrative procedure

- Rulemaking procedures
- Administrative hearings
- Primarily addressed in Government Operations Committee

Chapter 142A: Department of Children, Youth, and Families

- Child protection
- Primarily addressed in Children and Families Committee

Chapter 142D: Early care and learning

- Early childhood programs
- Primarily addressed in Children and Families Committee

Chapter 169: Traffic regulations

- School bus safety
- Also addressed in Transportation Committee

Chapter 179A: Public employment labor relations

- Public employee collective bargaining
- Primarily addressed in Labor and Government Operations Committees

Chapter 205A: School district elections

- Also addressed in Elections Committee



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