

## Appendix A

### Summaries of Enacted State Legislation Pertaining to Virtual Schools

Source: Education bill tracking database, National Council of State Legislatures, segment 2008-2012.

Searches conducted August 23, 2012, and re-conducted December 21, 2012, on “all states”; topic: “distance/online/virtual learning”; status: “enacted.” Retrieved from <http://www.ncsl.org/issues-research/educ/education-bill-tracking-database.aspx/>.

#### *Arkansas*

##### **AR S 211 Education Appropriation**

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 1075

*Date of Last Action:* 04/04/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Joint Budget

*Topics:* Charter Schools-Funding| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Makes an appropriation for grants and aid to local school districts and special programs for the department of education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Deletes a provision that limited state funding to a virtual open enrollment charter schools to no more than 500 students.

#### *Arizona*

##### **AZ S 1039 Charter Schools**

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 160

*Date of Last Action:* 04/26/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Huppenthal (R)

*Topics:* Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Requires the State Board for Charter Schools (SBCS) to establish and administer the Charter Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) Processing Fund for the processing of contract amendments for charter schools participating in Arizona Online Instruction. Requires the SBCS to charge a processing fee to any charter school that amends their contract to participate in AOI.

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### AZ S 1081 Technology Assisted Project Based Instruction

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 155

*Date of Last Action:* 05/01/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Gray (R)

*Topics:* Assessment/Testing| Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Requires that schools selected by the state board of education to participate in the technology assisted project-based instruction program, an internet-based alternative to learning in traditional brick-and-mortar schools, include in the annual report required under the program, a listing of the salaries, by title and job description, of the administrators who work at each school.

### AZ S 1168 Dropout Recovery Programs

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 42

*Date of Last Action:* 03/20/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Crandall (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Dropout Prevention| High School

**Summary:** Relates to dropout recovery programs and written learning plans, provides that an online instruction provider may not also operate a dropout recovery program, requires reporting to the department of education, regulates average daily attendance for students enrolled in online instruction and a dropout recovery program, relates to enrollment in a joint technical education district and charter schools, relates to student progress, requires satisfactory progress.

### AZ H 2064 E Learning Task Force

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 265

*Date of Last Action:* 06/12/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Anderson (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| Teacher Issues-Preparation| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Concerns the E-Learning Task Force, provides that the duties of the task force shall include, among other things, submission of recommendations on the transformation of traditional instruction programs to e-learning programs, option to equip teachers with the most effective technology and training, revision of the system of school funding as it applies to e-learning programs, coordination of a standard data system for use by school districts, and enhancement of the state's learning web portal system.

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### AZ H 2128 Technological Education

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 17

*Date of Last Action:* 04/05/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Crandall (R)

*Topics:* Student Attendance| Career and Technical Education| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-Dual Enrollment| Postsecondary| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Relates to charter schools, relates to a joint technological education course offered by a joint technical education district, relates to community college, a student's completion rate and daily attendance.

### AZ H 2129 Online Instruction

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 174

*Date of Last Action:* 04/27/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Crandall (R)

*Topics:* Student Attendance| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Relates to calculating average daily attendance, removes the requirement that a pupil enrolled in the State Online Instruction Program is considered full-time if the pupil's average instructional hours exceed a certain amount for different stages of K-12 education, removes the requirement that a pupil enrolled in the Program will be considered part-time if the pupil's average instructional hours are less than the hours required for a full-time pupil.

### AZ H 2385 Schools Finance and ADM Calculation

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 318

*Date of Last Action:* 05/11/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Boone (R)

*Topics:* Student Attendance| Distance/online/virtual learning| Kindergarten| Postsecondary-Community and Junior Colleges| Postsecondary

**Summary:** Relates to school finance and Average Daily Membership (ADM) calculation, includes; charter schools, provides for a per cent sample of daily attendance records as part of the average daily membership audits, relates to authorization of school closure, relates to online instruction, requires reporting of student absence data to the department of education, relates to property tax levies.

### AZ H 2732 Third Grade Retention

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 296

*Date of Last Action:* 05/10/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Crandall (R)

*Topics:* Assessment/Testing| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| English Language Learners (ELL)| Parental Involvement| Reading/Literacy

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**Summary:** Relates to schools, relates to third grade retention because of below-grade reading scores, relates to pupils with a disability, English learners, charter schools, parental request for a pupil exemption, remedial strategies, summer reading instruction, online reading instruction and universal screening in preschool.

### Colorado

#### CO H 1037 Extend Supplemental on Line

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Session Law Chaptered. Chapter No. 43

*Date of Last Action:* 03/29/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Massey (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Concerns the continuation of funding for supplemental on-line education services, removes the repeal date for such funding.

#### CO H 1124 Digital Learning Study

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Session Law Chaptered. Chapter No. 211

*Date of Last Action:* 05/24/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Massey (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Teacher Issues-Preparation| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Directs the Department of Education to commission a study of the issues surrounding the integration of digital learning into the statewide system of public education, authorizes the department to select a Colorado-based entity to complete the study, specifies the funding sources for the study, provides that the study will not be commissioned if the department does not receive sufficient moneys, specifies the distribution of the completed study.

#### CO H 1212 On Line Education Programs

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Session Law Chaptered. Chapter No. 66

*Date of Last Action:* 03/24/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Becker (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Concerns the designation of an on-line education program as a multi-district program if the program is authorized by a Board of Cooperative Services.

#### CO H 1240 Statutory Changes to K 12 Education

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Session Law Chaptered. Chapter No. 258

*Date of Last Action:* 06/04/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Kerr A (D)

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*Topics:* Charter Schools-Funding| Charter Schools-Governance| Charter Schools| Common Core State Standards| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Reading/Literacy

**Summary:** Relates to statutory changes to k-12 education, requires reporting of specified education data to the education advisory committee, extends the date for the adoption of graduation guidelines, expands the pool of potential sources for gifts, grants, and donations that money may be accepted from, clarifies the difference between an on-line program and an on-line school, removes a specified reporting requirement for school districts, repeals the military dependent supplemental pupil enrollment aid program.

### CO H 1277 K-12 Education Statutory Changes

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Session Law Chaptered. Chapter No. 306

*Date of Last Action:* 06/09/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Massey (R)

*Topics:* Accountability| Alternative Education| Charter Schools-Accountability| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| K-12 Governance

**Summary:** Relates to K-12 education, provides for the submission of local fiscal impact summaries for bills introduced before the General Assembly that impose a new mandate, makes changes concerning alternative education campus approval, the use of academic growth information, turnaround plans, special education and early intervention services, child disability categories, tuition costs, on-line program financial practices, and inclusion of charter school collaboratives in the definition of school food authority. Special Education: Requires that students with disabilities including those in private institutions and child care facilities be educated with children without disabilities to the extent possible. The bill also identifies categories of special education expenses allowing schools to more accurately track the costs of education students with disabilities. Requires fiscal analyses to include the impact on school districts when a bill contains any new mandates or increases in the level of services that must be provided.

## Florida

### FL S 4 Education Accountability

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Filed as Chapter No. 22

*Date of Last Action:* 04/20/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Detert (R) Additional Authors: Fasano (R);Wise (R);Baker (R);Negron (R);Peaden (R);Altman (R);Richter (R);Storms (R);Thrasher (R)

*Topics:* Accountability| Assessment/Testing| Career and Technical Education| Distance/online/virtual learning| English Language Learners (ELL)| High School-Dropout Prevention| High School-Graduation Requirements/Exit Exams| High School-

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Reform| High School| Middle School| Postsecondary-College Preparation| Parental Involvement| Postsecondary| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)  
Associated Bills: FL H 61 - Compare;FL H 209 - Compare;FL H 473 - Compare;FL H 7037 - Compare;FL H 7053 - Identical;FL S 120 - Compare;FL S 420 - Compare;FL S 1154 - Compare;FL S 1806 - Compare

**Summary:** Relates to middle grades promotion, end-of-course assessments, personalized academic and career plans, requirements in specified subjects for high school graduation, course grade and credit for students with disabilities, students in exceptional education programs, limited English proficiency students, school recognition awards, assessment evaluation and reporting, and a study of high school diplomas offered in other states.

### FL S 1906 Alternative High School Courses

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Filed as Chapter No. 2008-174

*Date of Last Action:* 06/17/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Appropriations - Education Pre-K - 12 Cmt Additional Authors: Gaetz (R)

*Topics:* Alternative Education| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Graduation Requirements/Exit Exams| High School| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Relates to alternative high school courses and programs. Establishes a pilot project for awarding high school credit for industry certification programs. Requires school districts to indicate interest in the pilot project. Provides for specified courses to be included as alternative credit courses. Requires the approval of certain courses for credit by examination. Requires the adoption of passing scores for such examinations. Requires a course directory. Relates to reporting credits under the project.

### FL H 5101 Prekindergarten Through Grade 12 Education Funding

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Filed as Chapter No. 154

*Date of Last Action:* 05/28/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* PreK-12 Appropriations Cmte

*Topics:* Career and Technical Education| Charter Schools| Class Size| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Dropout Prevention| Middle School| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| Teacher Issues-Compensation| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

Associated Bills: FL H 1287 - Compare;FL H 5001 - Compare;FL H 7195 - Compare;FL S 2 - Compare;FL S 690 - Compare;FL S 1368 - Compare;FL S 1970 - Compare;FL S 2700 - Compare

**Summary:** Relates to prekindergarten through grade 12 education funding to include school district capital outlay surtax, local school property taxes, school board member salary, charter schools, virtual schools, private prekindergarten providers, class size requirements, instructional materials, vocational-technical education, electronic

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learning management systems, millage levies and related elections, instructional personnel pay, student transportation, sports officials screening, and computer hardware purchases.

### **FL H 7063 Digital Learning Enacted - Filed as Chapter No. 155**

*2012 Status:*

*Date of Last Action:* 04/27/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* K-20 Innovation Subcmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Middle School

**Summary:** Relates to digital learning, relates to student rights to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities, prohibitions against taking an online course or examination behalf of another person, part-time instruction provided by the Florida Virtual School, statewide assessments, graduation requirements, enrollment of exceptional students in a virtual instruction program, and reporting of student membership for funding purposes.

### **FL H 7067 Virtual Education**

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Filed as Chapter No. 2012-192

*Date of Last Action:* 06/10/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Schools and Learning Council Cmt Additional Authors: Pickens (R);Altman (R);Schenck (R)

*Topics:* Accountability| Assessment/Testing| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| School Choice  
*Associated Bills:* FL S 1752 - Compare

**Summary:** Provides that K-8 virtual schools are public schools and a public school choice option. This bill allows a charter school to enter into a joint agreement with the school district in which it is located for the charter school's students to participate in an approved district virtual instruction program. The bill establishes school district K-8 Virtual School Program, requires school districts to offer program beginning with 2009-2010 school year and provides requirements for contracted providers and requires Department of Education approval of district programs. This bill requires participation in statewide assessment and accountability programs, provides for funding.

### **FL H 7197 Digital Learning Enacted - Filed as Chapter No. 2008-148**

*2011 Status:*

*Date of Last Action:* 06/02/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Policy Council Cmt Additional Authors: McKeel (R);Precourt (R);Ford (R);McBurney (R);Stargel (R);Passidomo (R);Young (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues

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Associated Bills: FL S 1620 - Identical;FL H 5101 - Compare;FL H 7195 - Compare;FL S 1546 - Compare;FL S 2120 - Compare

**Summary:** Authorizes the establishment of virtual charter schools, authorizes blended learning courses, establishes related administrative fees, provides for instruction, eligibility, funding, assessment and accountability requirements, revises school district requirements for virtual instruction programs, requires at least one required graduation course be completed through online learning, authorizes school districts to offer virtual courses and blended learning online, relates to teacher certification.

### Georgia

#### GA H 149 Move On When Ready Act

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 63

*Date of Last Action:* 04/29/2009 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Jones J (R)

*Topics:* Assessment/Testing| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Graduation Requirements/Exit Exams| High School| P-16| Parental Involvement

**Summary:** Relates to financing under the Quality Basic Education Act, enacts the Move on When Ready Act, provides for definitions, provides a program for eleventh and twelfth grade students to attend postsecondary colleges and schools for high school credit, provides for notice to parents and students of the program, provides requirements for course credit, provides for state funding, provides for testing, provides for related matters. Includes virtual courses in the definition of program.

#### GA H 175 Online Clearinghouse Act

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 645

*Date of Last Action:* 05/01/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Casas (R) Additional Authors: Casas (R);Davis S (R);Setzler (R);Nix (R);Brockway (R);Harrell (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Teacher Issues-Compensation| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Relates to other educational programs under the Quality Basic Education Act, so as to enact the Online Clearinghouse Act, creates a clearinghouse through which local school systems may offer their computer-based courses to students of other local school systems, provides for definitions, provides for procedures and requirements for offering a course through the clearinghouse, provides for enrollment in virtual courses offered through the clearinghouse. Defines compensation level for online course instructors.



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### GA H 192 State Education Finance Study Commission

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 227

*Date of Last Action:* 05/13/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Coleman B (R) Additional Authors: Ashe (D);Coleman B (R);England (R);Abrams (D);Carter A (R);Kaiser (D)

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning| Teacher Issues-Compensation| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Relates to the Quality Basic Education Act, so as to establish the State Education Finance Study Commission to evaluate the Quality Basic Education Formula and education funding for public schools, provides for the temporary extension in the flexibility in the maximum class size requirement in kindergarten through grade 8, relates to annual teacher contracts, relates to organization of schools, middle school programs, and scheduling.

### GA S 289 Elementary and Secondary Education

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 708

*Date of Last Action:* 05/01/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Rogers Ch (R) Additional Authors: Millar (R);Williams T (R);Rogers Ch (R);Albers (R)

*Topics:* Common Core State Standards| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to establish rules and regulations to maximize the number of students who complete at least one online learning course prior to graduation, provides for the online administration of end-of-course assessments, relates to the State Virtual School, textbooks, and assistive devices, requires local school systems to provide opportunities for participation in virtual instruction programs, repeals a provision relating to the possession of electronic communication devices.

### GA H 797 State Chartered Special Schools

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 766

*Date of Last Action:* 05/03/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Jones J (R) Additional Authors: Coleman B (R);Jones J (R);Lindsey (R)

*Topics:* Charter Schools-Governance| Charter Schools-Teaching| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Relates to charter schools, establishes the State Charter Schools Commission, provides for the membership, duties, and powers of the Commission, provides for requirements for state charter schools, provides funding for state chartered special schools, specifies the criteria a charter school petition shall include, requires a state charter school to seek highly qualified teachers and other personnel and to give preference in contracting and purchasing services and materials to

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specified businesses. Virtual Learning: the bill decreases the funding for charter schools that offer virtual instruction. The funding may be increased to the full amount at the discretion of the State Charter Schools Commission.

### Hawaii

#### HI H 2971 Department of Education

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 152

*Date of Last Action:* 06/09/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Takumi (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| Teacher Issues-Induction and Mentoring| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** *AUTHOR:* Takumi (D) Requires the DOE to implement the proposed actions of Hawaii's Online Learning Task Force, including: Continue to operate the full-time cyber academy, as well as establish a Hawaii virtual learning network for supplemental programs, Assist schools with online standards-based college preparatory curriculum, Establish online and in-person tutoring and mentoring programs for students, partnering with the University of Hawaii as needed, and Assess the digital literacy of teachers, students, and other personnel.

### Iowa

#### IA S 2284 Department of Education

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 1119

*Date of Last Action:* 05/25/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Common Core State Standards| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Reading/Literacy| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues-Induction and Mentoring| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues-Preparation| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Relates to programs and activities under the purview of the Department of Education, the Board of Educational Examiners, school districts and accredited nonpublic schools, adopts rules requiring such schools to consider any student who satisfactorily completes a high school-level unit to have satisfactorily completed a unit of the high school graduation requirement for that subject matter area, relates to assessments, administrators, teacher peer review and teacher prep time.

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### Idaho

#### **ID H 345 Public School Technology and Online Courses**

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 300

*Date of Last Action:* 04/11/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Postsecondary-Dual Enrollment| Postsecondary-Other/Miscellaneous| Postsecondary| Teacher Issues-Compensation| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Amends laws relating to education, relates to public school technology and online courses, the Educational Support Program, staff allowances, the experience and education multiplier, obligations to retirement and Social Security benefits, fractional average daily attendance, the digital learning academy, math and science courses, dual credit, mobile computing, expenditures, public postsecondary institutions operating public charter high schools and a balanced budget.

#### **ID H 423 Public Virtual Schools**

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 105

*Date of Last Action:* 03/14/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| School Choice

**Summary:** Redefines virtual school and requires that additional information about the virtual school's compliance with regulations regarding its pedagogical practices be included in the charter application.

#### **ID H 426 Education**

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 197

*Date of Last Action:* 04/03/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Middle School| Postsecondary-Dual Enrollment| Postsecondary

**Summary:** Adds to existing law relating to education to establish the 8 in 6 Program to establish provisions relating to the State Department of Education paying for certain summer courses and overload courses, establishes criteria relating to participation in the program, establishes provisions relating to eligible courses, provides for rules and to provide definitions.

#### **ID H 552 Digital Learning Academy**

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 119

*Date of Last Action:* 03/14/2008 - Enacted\*

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*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning| K-12 Leadership| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** This legislation provides the Idaho Digital Learning Academy with financial independence from a host school district. All changes allow IDLA to continue operating in the same fashion as the preceding five years. An additional change allows IDLA to extend service to students in lower grades due to growth and to accommodate stakeholder needs. This change allows the law to reflect an existing service that IDLA provides to gifted and talented students in the state.

### **ID H 567 Idaho Digital Learning Academy**

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 172

*Date of Last Action:* 03/17/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Revenue and Taxation Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Amends existing law to provide that the Idaho Digital Learning Academy is an educational institution for sales and use tax exemption purposes, clarifies the Digital Learning Academy's tax exempt status independently from a host district.

### **ID H 590 Public Charter Schools**

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 188

*Date of Last Action:* 03/29/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Charter Schools-Accountability| Charter Schools-Governance| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Amends existing law relating to public charter schools to revise provisions relating to a petition, revises provisions relating to petitions received by an authorized chartering entity, revises provisions relating to a public hearing, revises certain timing provisions, provides for an agreement, provides for a primary attendance area, revises provisions relating to admission procedures, revises provisions relating to transportation services, relates to charters for public virtual schools.

### **ID H 604 Education**

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 189

*Date of Last Action:* 03/29/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Amends existing law relating to education to revise provisions relating to the adoption of curricular materials, provides for certain fees, provides for certain fees, provides that the State Board of Education shall, by rule, determine the process by

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which the Department of Education reviews and approves online courses and the fees necessary to defray the department's cost of such review and approval process.

### **ID H 670 Public Schools Appropriations**

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 391

*Date of Last Action:* 04/09/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Appropriations Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| Teacher Issues-Recruitment and Retention| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Provides for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to conduct a study and develop plans that address the challenges of rural schools, including recruitment of qualified teachers.

### **ID H 672 Division of Childrens Programs Appropriations**

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 392

*Date of Last Action:* 04/09/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Appropriations Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Increases funding for the Idaho Digital Learning Academy, from \$2,800,000 to \$3,129,500, and states that the program's highest priorities are to keep tuition level and to provide remedial coursework for students failing to achieve full proficiency on the state's standardized assessment.

### **ID H 727 State Education Network**

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 357

*Date of Last Action:* 04/12/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Appropriations Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Amends and adds to existing law relating to the state Education Network to revise the duties of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Department of Education with regard to the Education Network, removes subsections providing for governance and operations of the Education Network and for the Education Network Fund, provides for the Education Network Program and Resource Advisory Council.

### **ID S 1184 Public School Technology and Online Courses**

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 247

*Date of Last Action:* 04/08/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* State Affairs Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Postsecondary-Dual

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**Summary:** Amends laws relating to education, relates to public school technology and online courses, the Educational Support Program, staff allowances, the experience and education multiplier, obligations to retirement and Social Security benefits, fractional average daily attendance, the digital learning academy, math and science courses, dual credit, mobile computing, expenditures, public postsecondary institutions operating public charter high schools and a balanced budget.

### **ID S 1206 Public Schools Support Program Appropriations**

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 332

*Date of Last Action:* 04/14/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Finance Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| English Language Learners (ELL)| Education Technology| Reading/Literacy

**Summary:** Appropriates \$1,561,069,300 to the Public Schools Support Program for fiscal year 2012, provides legislative intent. Funds various programs

### **ID S 1237 Online Education**

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 16

*Date of Last Action:* 02/20/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Student Attendance| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Amends existing law relating to education to revise the definition of an online course, relates to fractional average daily attendance and charter schools.

## *Illinois*

### **IL S 1182 Appropriations**

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 890

*Date of Last Action:* 04/26/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Sullivan J (D) Additional Authors: Schoenberg (D);Trotter (D);Madigan (D);Mautino (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Changes, adds and deletes various FY10 appropriations for the Department of Children and Family Services. STEM: Appropriates funds to the Mathematics and Science Academy for the support of the Illinois Virtual School.

### IL H 2448 Remote Educational Programs

*2009 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 684

*Date of Last Action:* 08/25/2009 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Miller (D) Additional Authors: Pritchard (R); Mitchell G (R); Senger (R); Golar (D); Bassi (R); Clayborne (D); Cronin (R); Burzynski (R); Sandoval (D)

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning| K-12 Governance| No Child Left Behind Act| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Allows a school district, by resolution of its board, to establish a remote educational program. Provides requirements relating to claiming participation for general State aid purposes and the use of other facilities. Provides that such programs, with regard to the impact on school employees, shall be subject to collective bargaining. Requires submission of student participation data. Allows the State Board of Education to contract with an outside entity to perform an evaluation of programs in the state. NCLB: Provides that the program must meet No Child Left Behind requirements.

### IL H 3223 Remote Educational Programs

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 339

*Date of Last Action:* 08/12/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Senger (R) Additional Authors: Cross (R); Schmitz (R); Chapa-LaVia (D); Johnson (R); Martinez (D); Sandack (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Middle School| No Child Left Behind Act

**Summary:** Amends the School Code, relates to remote educational programs, provides that during the time from and including the opening date to the closing date of the regular school term of the school district, participation in a program may be claimed for general State aid purposes on any calendar day, notwithstanding whether the day is a day of pupil attendance or institute day on the school district's calendar, makes changes concerning school districts that hold year-round classes, relates to clock hours.

### IL H 3223 Remote Educational Programs

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 339

*Date of Last Action:* 08/12/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Senger (R) Additional Authors: Cross (R); Schmitz (R); Chapa-LaVia (D); Johnson (R); Martinez (D); Sandack (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Amends the School Code, relates to remote educational programs, provides that during the time from and including the opening date to the closing date of the regular school term of the school district, participation in a program may be claimed for general State aid purposes on any calendar day, notwithstanding whether the day is a day of pupil attendance or institute day on the school district's calendar,

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makes changes concerning school districts that hold year-round classes, relates to clock hours.

### IL H 5077 Technology Immersion Pilot Project

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 949

*Date of Last Action:* 08/29/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Smith (D) Additional Authors: Pihos (R);Verschoore (D);Mitchell G (R);Demuzio (D);Forby (D);Cronin (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Amends the School Code. Provides for a technology immersion pilot project to provide a wireless laptop computer to each student, teacher and relevant administrator in a participating school and to implement the use of software on-line courses. Creates the Technology Immersion Fund. Provides that the pilot project may be implemented only if sufficient funds are available for that purpose.

## Indiana

### IN H 1001 Budget Bill

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Public Law No. 229-2011

*Date of Last Action:* 05/10/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Espich (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Postsecondary-Financial Aid and Affordability| Postsecondary| Teacher Issues-Compensation| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues-Recruitment and Retention| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Makes biennial appropriations, relates to civil penalties against legislators, the civil service system, public employee unions, racetrack revenue disbursements, public retiree health benefits, remote sale use taxes, individual and corporate income taxes, local taxes, prisoner medical care, county home resident nonmedical assistance, early intervention, medicaid hospital payments and prescription drug coverage, a health facility quality assessment fee, school funding, teacher compensation, and scholarships. Postsecondary: Creates Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship. High schools students who graduate a year early may receive a \$4,000 scholarship to attend a public or private Indiana college or university.

### IN H 1246 Education

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Public Law No. 140.

*Date of Last Action:* 03/24/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Austin (D)

*Topics:* Assessment/Testing| Distance/online/virtual learning| Middle School|



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Postsecondary-Dual Enrollment| Postsecondary| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Establishes the interim study committee on education matters, to investigate implementation issues of part- or full-time virtual learning.

### IN H 1367 Charter Schools and Scholarship Tax Credits

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Public Law No. 109

*Date of Last Action:* 03/24/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Rules and Legislative Procedures Cmt

*Topics:* Assessment/Testing| Student Attendance| Charter Schools|

Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-Dual Enrollment| Postsecondary-Transfer/Articulation| Postsecondary| School Choice-Tax Credits & Tax Deductions| School Choice

**Summary:** Relates to charter schools, average daily attendance, virtual charter schools, funding, pilot programs, nonprofit educational management organizations, programs for students with disabilities and communications disorders, testing, college credit programs, dual credit provisions, health insurance, school fund payment of utility services and property or casualty insurance, retirement, school scholarship tax credits and property tax levies.

## Kansas

### KS S 531 School Finance

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 2008-172

*Date of Last Action:* 05/18/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Schmidt D (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Concerns school districts, relates to school finance, makes appropriations for the Department of Education for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010, provides that a pupil attending a virtual and non-virtual school shall be counted as that proportion of one pupil that the pupil's attendance at the non-virtual school bears to full-time attendance, amends provisions regarding preschool and special education, provides for pupils who reside at a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

### KS S 669 School District Virtual Schools

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 2008-147

*Date of Last Action:* 05/13/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Ways and Means Cmt

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*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| Teacher Issues-Preparation| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Requires school districts to conduct and report on teacher training for teachers in virtual schools, and provides a funding formula for virtual school students, which establishes the virtual school base student amount as 105% of the base state aid per pupil.

### KS H 2390 KAN-ED Abolishment

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 2012-173

*Date of Last Action:* 06/01/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Appropriations Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Concerns the abolishment of the KAN-ED Act, Requires the Board of Education to provide for a program to facilitate the use of broadband technology-based video communication for distance learning and telemedicine by schools, libraries and hospitals, Transitions schools, libraries and hospitals that have a direct KAN-ED connection to a commercially provided broadband internet connection, provides that the board shall provide funding each month for the cost of broadband service.

## Kentucky

### KY S 2 Academic Achievement Strategies

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 134

*Date of Last Action:* 04/24/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Winters (R) Additional Authors: Westwood (R);Roeding (R);Thayer (R)

*Topics:* Afterschool Program| Assessment/Testing| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School| Middle School| P-16| Postsecondary-College Preparation| Postsecondary-Transfer/Articulation| Postsecondary| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Establishes the science and mathematics advancement fund, requires the state Board of Education to develop an evaluation framework, requires the Council on Postsecondary Education to create a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Initiative Task Force, creates an Initiative fund, provides a supplemental Educational Excellence Scholarship, requires qualifying advanced placement scores to be included in calculation of such awards. The bill also provides incentives and a supportive environment for students, teachers, and institutions that pursue, succeed, and excel in the STEM disciplines throughout the P-20 educational pipeline. The Initiative funds can be used to support activities that include programs during the school day, after-school programs, Saturday programs, or multiweek summer sessions.

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### KY H 37 Districts of Innovation

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 40

*Date of Last Action:* 04/11/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Rollins (D) Additional Authors: Yonts (D);Belcher Li (D);Smart (D)

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Teacher Issues-Compensation| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Authorizes the Kentucky Board of Education to approve districts of innovation, not to exceed five (5) districts per year, limits initial approval and subsequent renewals to five year periods, directs the board to promulgate administrative regulations to prescribe the conditions and procedures to be used by a local board of education to be approved as a district of innovation, specifies what the administrative regulations shall address. Virtual Learning: Allows districts of innovation to include virtual education hours in overall instructional time, to establish a virtual school within the district for delivering alternative classes to meet high school graduation requirements

### Louisiana

#### LA S 553 Schools

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 660

*Date of Last Action:* 06/29/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* LaFleur (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Graduation Requirements/Exit Exams| High School-Reform| High School

**Summary:** Requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and adopt a policy whereby students will be allowed to accelerate their academic progress, complete all high school graduation requirements, and receive a high school diploma in less than four years, requires each city, parish, and other local public school board to fully implement the provisions of the early high school graduation policy adopted by BESE and to include such in its pupil progression plan.

### Massachusetts

#### MA S 2247 Achievement Gap

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 12-2010

*Date of Last Action:* 01/19/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Report of Conference Committee

*Topics:* Accountability| Alternative Education| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| English Language Learners (ELL)| High School-

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Reform| High School| K-12 Governance| K-12 Leadership| Middle School| Parental Involvement| Race to the Top| School Choice| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues

Associated Bills: MA S 2216 - New Draft of

**Summary:** Relates to the achievement gap, education reform, underperforming schools, collective purchasing, public purchases, competitive bidding and vendor payments, relates to charter schools, school programs of member school committees, educational collaboratives, investment authority, required teacher certification, student performance data, English language proficiency, special education, workforce development services, health and mental health screenings and law enforcement services in the school community. School choice: increases charter schools and creates innovative schools. School Leadership: Provides superintendents with greater authority in turning around low performing schools. Links school performance with student success.

### Maryland

#### MD H 745 Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 291

*Date of Last Action:* 05/02/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Serafini (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Middle School| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

Associated Bills: MD S 689 - Crossfiled with

**Summary:** Establishes the State Advisory Council for Virtual Learning within the Department of Education to encourage and support the education of students in accordance with national standards of online learning and state law, requires the council to make recommendations regarding teacher and principal professional development, course funding, student assessment and accountability, necessary infrastructure, program coordination, expanded curriculum and advanced placement courses, and special needs education.

#### MD S 843 Online Distance Education Programs

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 595

*Date of Last Action:* 05/22/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Pinsky (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-For Profit/Proprietary| Postsecondary

Associated Bills: MD H 1223 - Crossfiled with

**Summary:** Requires institutions of postsecondary education that enroll students in fully online distance education programs in the State to register and pay a related fee

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with the State Higher Education Commission before commencing or continuing to operate, doing business, or functioning in the State within 6 months of enrolling the first student, provides for as specified exception from the requirement for registration, authorizes a guaranty fund to reimburse students under certain conditions.

### **MD H 1223 Institutions of Postsecondary Education**

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 596

*Date of Last Action:* 05/22/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Guzzone (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-For Profit/Proprietary| Postsecondary

*Associated Bills:* MD S 843 - Crossfiled with

**Summary:** Requires institutions of postsecondary education that enroll Maryland students in fully online distance education programs in the State to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission before commencing or continuing to operate, doing business, or functioning in the State within 6 months of enrolling the first Maryland student, provides for as specified exception from the requirement for registration, requires the institutions to put specified information on their Web site.

### **MD H 1362 Virtual Schools**

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 743

*Date of Last Action:* 05/20/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Boteler (R)

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Authorizes a county board of education, with the approval of the State Department of Education, to establish a virtual school, provides that a virtual school shall be a public school subject to applicable laws and regulations, requires a virtual school to provide specified curricular programs to its students and to maintain a certain administrative office, requires certification of teachers employed by a virtual school, requires the sponsor of a virtual school to complete an annual evaluation of the school.

## *Maine*

### **ME S 206 Multidistrict Online Classes**

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Resolve No. 116

*Date of Last Action:* 03/01/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Alfond (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

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**Summary:** Allows nonresident students to enroll in a school administrative unit's online learning program, directs the Department of Education to create a stakeholder group to study the opportunities in and challenges of creating one online learning program for the State and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, requires a publicly accessible website listing the online learning programs or courses available, provides student preference requirements.

### ME S 588 Education Laws

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Public Law No. 508

*Date of Last Action:* 03/15/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Diamond (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Provides that a student who is placed by the Department of Health and Human Services with an adult who is not the parent or legal guardian is considered a resident of either the school administrative unit where the student resides or the school administrative unit where the student resided prior to the placement, provides for access to instructional materials and online learning for students with disabilities, requires access to Braille for instruction.

## Michigan

### MI S 618 Charter Schools

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 277

*Date of Last Action:* 12/20/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Pavlov (R)

*Topics:* Charter Schools-Governance| Charter Schools-Teaching| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| No Child Left Behind Act

**Summary:** Provides revisions to provisions concerning formation, operation and termination of public school academies, urban high school academies and schools of excellence, allows school districts to contract with outside entity for the provision of teachers, provides for exemption of school grounds from real and personal property taxes levied for school operating purposes. Online Schools: The bill allows for the creation of charter schools that are "cyber schools," providing all of their education on-line.

### MI S 619 Cyber Schools

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 129

*Date of Last Action:* 05/15/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Colbeck (R)

*Topics:* Charter Schools-Accountability| Charter Schools-Governance| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Middle School

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**Summary:** Revises requirements and limitations on authorizing cyber schools, regulates contracts to organize and operate a school of excellence, requires demonstration of experience in delivering a quality education program that improved pupil academic achievement, requires some configuration of grades K to 12, deletes provisions regarding dropouts, limits enrollment in a cyber school, offers each family a computer and subsidized internet access.

### MI S 926 Education Reform

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 203

*Date of Last Action:* 01/04/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Thomas (D)

*Topics:* American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)| Accountability| Alternative Education| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Graduation Rate Measurement| High School-Reform| High School| K-12 Governance| Postsecondary-Dual Enrollment| Postsecondary| Race to the Top| School Choice| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Identifies the lowest achieving public schools, places them under the supervision of a state school reform/redesign officer, and then employs various intervention models to improve student achievement in those schools, allows for the modification of collective bargaining agreements, creates new charter schools referred to as schools of excellence and cyber schools aimed at serving at-risk students online, relates to teacher certification and evaluation, allows for flexibility in high school curriculum.

### MI S 981 Failing Schools

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 205

*Date of Last Action:* 01/04/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Kuipers (R)

*Topics:* American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)| Accountability| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Dropout Prevention| High School-Reform| High School| K-12 Governance| K-12 Leadership| No Child Left Behind Act| Postsecondary-Other/Miscellaneous| Postsecondary| Race to the Top| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| School Choice| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Identifies the lowest achieving public schools, places them under the supervision of a state school reform/redesign officer, and then employs various intervention models to improve student achievement in those schools, allows for the modification of collective bargaining agreements, creates new charter schools referred to as schools of excellence and cyber schools aimed at serving at-risk students online, relates to teacher certification and evaluation, allows for flexibility in high school curriculum. **School Leadership:** Evaluates teachers and administrators based, in part, on "significant" student growth and requires the certification of school administrators. Requires that school boards, working with teachers and school administrators,

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implement a rigorous, transparent, and fair performance evaluation system that evaluates job performance at least annually, establishes clear approaches to measuring student growth and provides teachers and school administrators with relevant data on student growth, and evaluates job performance taking into account multiple rating categories with student growth as a "significant" factor. Job evaluations must be used to inform decisions about the following: (1) The effectiveness of teachers and principals (ensuring ample opportunities for improvement), (2) Promotion, retention, and development, or professional development), (3) Whether to grant tenure or full certification, or both, to teachers and school administrators using rigorous standards and streamlined, transparent, and fair procedures, and (4) Removing ineffective tenured and untenured teachers and administrators after they have had ample opportunities to improve, and ensuring that these decisions are made using rigorous standards and streamlined, transparent, and fair procedures. Administrator Certification. Requires the State Board of Education to develop a school administrator's certificate to be issued to all school district and intermediate school district superintendents, school principals, assistant principals and other administrators who administer instructional programs. Also recognizes alternative pathways to earning a school administrator's certificate.

### MI S 1163 School Aid

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 110

*Date of Last Action:* 07/07/2010 - Line Item Vetoed\*

*Author:* Jelinek (R)

*Topics:* American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)| Class Size| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Dropout Prevention| High School-Graduation Rate Measurement| High School| Postsecondary-Dual Enrollment| Postsecondary-Other/Miscellaneous| Postsecondary| Race to the Top| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| Teacher Issues-Employment| Teacher Issues-Recruitment and Retention| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Makes appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools and the intermediate school districts of the state, makes appropriations for other purposes relating to education, provides for the disbursement of the appropriations, supplements the school aid fund by the levy and collection of school property taxes, authorizes the issuance of bonds, prescribes the powers and duties of state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials. Sets high school drop out and graduation rate calculation requirements. Relates to STEM curricula and program reporting requirements.

### MI H 4787 Turnaround Schools

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Public Act No. 204

*Date of Last Action:* 01/04/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Melton (D)

*Topics:* American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)| Accountability|



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**Summary:** Provides for certain measures to identify and restructure failing schools, authorizes the organization and administration of turnaround schools under contract with a state reform/redesign school district, requires the contract to contain the educational goals of the school and the curricula to be offered and methods of assessment to be utilized, an admissions policy, a school calendar and school day schedule, staff responsibility descriptions, and the school's governance structure.

### Minnesota

#### MN S 1528 Education

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Filed with Secretary of State. Chapter No. 273

*Date of Last Action:* 05/03/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Nelson C (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| School Calendar| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues-Preparation| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

*Associated Bills:* MN H 2127 - Companion

**Summary:** Relates to education, provides that in order to graduate, students must successfully complete at least one course credit that includes digital learning, provides that to prepare persons for classroom teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs the knowledge and skills teacher candidates need to deliver digital and blended learning and engage students with technology, relates to the Online Learning Advisory Council.

### Missouri

#### MO S 733 Higher Education

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Signed by Governor

*Date of Last Action:* 07/14/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Pearce (R)

*Topics:* Student Attendance| Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-Financial Aid and Affordability| Postsecondary-Other/Miscellaneous| Postsecondary| School Choice-Home Schooling

**Summary:** Relates to scholarships, provides that persons who have received a General Education Development diploma, who have completed a homeschooling program, who

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have completed certain coursework through the Virtual Public School, or any other program of instruction that satisfies the compulsory attendance law shall be eligible for a certain program, makes changes to provisions concerning scholarships, military service, open records requirements, and commercialization of an institution's intellectual property.

### Mississippi

#### MS H 1056 Virtual Public School Program

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 330.

*Date of Last Action:* 03/15/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Brown C (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Authorizes the State Board of Education to select private providers, overseen by the State Department of Education, to administer, manage or operate virtual school programs, including total operation of the Virtual Public School Program, revises the period of time within which the program must be evaluated, provides that a private provider must be chosen through a competitive Request For Proposal process.

### North Dakota

#### ND H 1211 Home Education

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chapter Number 146

*Date of Last Action:* 04/04/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Damschen (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| School Choice-Home Schooling| School Choice

**Summary:** Relates to home education, relates to test administration and results, relates to the home education requirements for children with disabilities, relates to parental qualifications, relates to the awarding of diplomas, provides related reporting requirements. Removes the qualification that a home school parent-teacher must have a baccalaureate degree and be a certified teacher. Removes requirement that home school parent-teachers with only a high school diploma be monitored by the resident school district. Also repeals a scheduled increase in the number of coursework units required for a home-school student to receive a high school diploma.

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### Nebraska

#### NE L 235 State Aid to Schools

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Signed by Governor

*Date of Last Action:* 04/26/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Adams (NP)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Amends provisions relating to state aid to schools, eliminates certain provisions relating to summer school, summer sessions and state aid to schools, provides a base limitation for school districts, relates to converted contracts for students in a nonresident district, relates to general fund expenditures for early childhood education tuition, distance education, textbook loans, levy override elections, transportation fees paid to other districts, grants, retirement incentive plans and lobbyist fees.

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#### NE L 333 Schools

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Signed by Governor

*Date of Last Action:* 03/15/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning| P-16| Postsecondary

**Summary:** Relates to schools, changes and eliminates allocation provisions relating to the Education Innovation Fund, provides funds for the Early Childhood Education Grant Program, the Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning Act and distance education equipment, changes provisions relating to a certification fund and fees, the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program, the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program, and allocation and transfer of funds as prescribed.

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### NE L 333 Schools

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Signed by Governor

*Date of Last Action:* 03/15/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning| P-16| Postsecondary

**Summary:** Relates to schools, changes and eliminates allocation provisions relating to the Education Innovation Fund, provides funds for the Early Childhood Education Grant Program, the Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning Act and distance education equipment, changes provisions relating to a certification fund and fees, the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program, the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program, and allocation and transfer of funds as prescribed.

### Oklahoma

#### OK S 141 School Funding

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 165

*Date of Last Action:* 05/03/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Jolley (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Relates to school funding, relates to calculation of foundation aid, modifies the weighted calculations for pupils enrolled in online courses.

#### OK S 280 Online Education

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 368

*Date of Last Action:* 05/26/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stanislawski (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Education Technology

**Summary:** Relates to online education, relates to the length of a school day and certain exceptions, deletes requirement that the State Department of Education make rules requiring telephonic communication between teachers and students and their parents, deletes requirement for establishment of certain plans, deletes requirement for certain assessments, relates to special education.

#### OK S 2109 Schools

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 478

*Date of Last Action:* 06/10/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stanislawski (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

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**Summary:** Relates to schools, relates to authorized services and transfers for children with disabilities, clarifies the calculation of state aid for special education students, relates to state aid for school districts, modifies the formula for the determination of the initial allocation of state aide, modifies the formula for the calculation of foundation aid. Allows the formula to apply to districts "regardless of whether the receiving district provides education to the student using traditional in-class means or via online instruction."

### OK S 2129 Virtual School Task Force

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 274

*Date of Last Action:* 05/24/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stanislawski (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Creates the Statewide Virtual School Task Force to explore that feasibility of establishment of a statewide virtual school, provides for membership, appointment, designation of officers, quorum, staff support, and travel reimbursement, requires a report of findings and recommendations.

### OK S 2318 Schools

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 351

*Date of Last Action:* 06/06/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Jolley (R)

*Topics:* Assessment/Testing| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Relates to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act, provides for testing of students enrolled in certain online courses or programs at certain alternative testing locations, provides that alternative testing locations may be at sites that are not in the school district that is offering the online course or program or the district of residence.

### OK S 2319 Schools

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 352

*Date of Last Action:* 06/06/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stanislawski (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Parental Involvement

**Summary:** Relates to schools, relates to length of a school day, expands rule-making authority of the State Board of Education with regard to online courses, prohibits school districts from denying students the opportunity to enroll in educationally appropriate courses, requires districts to provide an admissions process which includes input from the student, the parent or guardian of the student, and school faculty.

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### Oregon

#### OR S 994 Task Force on Virtual School Governance

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 718

*Date of Last Action:* 08/02/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Courtney (D)

*Topics:* Charter Schools-Governance| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Resolves conflicts in certain education bills, creates a Task Force on Virtual School Governance, sunsets task force on a specified date, relates to residents of school districts and public charter schools.

#### OR H 2301 Public Online Education

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 649

*Date of Last Action:* 08/02/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Roblan (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Requires a virtual public charter school to have a specified percent of instructional hours taught by licensed teachers, modifies the notice a virtual charter school must provide when a student enrolls or withdraws from school, requires specified separation between a sponsoring school district board, a virtual public charter school and a third-party entity providing certain services, relates to student enrollment approval.

#### OR H 3660 a Virtual Public Schools

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 72

*Date of Last Action:* 03/18/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Accountability| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Imposes requirements on virtual public charter schools related to budget and accounting system, tracking of student progress, administrator and teacher qualifications, student and school records and notification of enrollment and withdrawal, prohibits State Board of Education from waiving certain requirements of virtual public charter schools, specifies that virtual public charter school may increase the number of students to whom online instruction is provided if the school was granted a waiver.

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### Rhode Island

#### RI S 2276 Statewide Virtual Education

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Public Law No. 2012-268

*Date of Last Action:* 06/18/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* DiPalma (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-Other/Miscellaneous| Postsecondary

**Summary:** Establishes the Statewide Virtual Education Act, provides access to high quality, rigorous, and relevant online learning opportunities for all public school students in the state, ensures promulgation of virtual learning regulations supporting access to high quality virtual instruction.

#### RI H 7126 Statewide Virtual Education

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Public Law No. 2012-250

*Date of Last Action:* 06/18/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* McNamara (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-Other/Miscellaneous| Postsecondary

**Summary:** Establishes the statewide virtual education act, to promote the use of and quality of virtual courses as part of public education in the state.

### South Carolina

#### SC S 1356 Virtual School Program

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 335.

*Date of Last Action:* 06/01/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Education Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** (Joint Resolution) Relates to the virtual school program, provides for publication of the Notice of Drafting for the proposed regulation in the State Register.

### South Dakota

#### SD H 1312 School Name Change

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Filed with Secretary of State.

*Date of Last Action:* 02/14/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Olson (R)

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*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Changes the state virtual high school to the state virtual school.

### Tennessee

#### TN H 1030 Virtual Public Schools Act

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Public Chaptered. Chapter No. 492

*Date of Last Action:* 06/16/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Brooks Ha (R)

*Topics:* Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

*Associated Bills:* TN S 874 - Same as

**Summary:** Relates to Education, enacts The Virtual Public Schools Act, provides that virtual schools may be established by an LEA, provides that virtual schools shall provide a sequential curriculum that meets or exceeds the curriculum standards, the same length of time for learning opportunities per academic year, instructional materials and necessary technology, allows contracting for services with nonprofit and for-profit entities in the operation and management of the virtual school.

#### TN S 2008 Education

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Public Chaptered. Chapter No. 1096

*Date of Last Action:* 06/05/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Southerland (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** *AUTHOR:* Southerland (R) Authorizes local education agencies to use Basic Education Program funds in the implementation and operation of virtual education programs. Further authorizes the Department of Education and local education agencies to apply for and receive grants and accept donations to help fund virtual education programs, particularly in the startup phase. Requires the Department of Education to report annually on the status of virtual education in the state.

#### TN H 3062 Virtual Schools and Education Programs

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Public Chaptered. Chapter No. 999

*Date of Last Action:* 05/10/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Williams R (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

*Associated Bills:* TN S 2986 - Same as

**Summary:** Requires virtual schools and virtual education programs to maintain teacher-pupil ratios set by the state board of education and to provide the same length



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of time for learning opportunities as required for other schools, allows a student to move at the student's own pace.

### Utah

#### UT S 2 Minimum School Program Budget Amendments

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 397

*Date of Last Action:* 03/20/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stephenson (R)

*Topics:* Afterschool Program| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| English Language Learners (ELL)| K-12 Leadership| Kindergarten| Middle School| P-16| Parental Involvement| Reading/Literacy| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| School Choice| Teacher Issues-Compensation| Teacher Issues-Recruitment and Retention| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Provides funding for certain education programs, modifies provisions related to the funding of charter schools. Beginning in the 2009-10 school year, an annual increase in charter school enrollment capacity equal to 1.4% of total school district enrollment as of October 1 of the previous school year. Modifies the positions that qualify for educator salary adjustments and increases the salary adjustments for those positions. SB 2 encourages parent and educator involvement in completion of the financial and economic literacy. SB 2 also calls for opportunities to coordinate high school and post-secondary math and science education Beginning in fiscal year 2008-2009, provides an annual salary supplement of \$4,100 for a full-time teacher and a partial salary supplement for a part-time teacher who teaches one or more courses of a secondary school level mathematics course, integrated science in grade 7 or 8, chemistry or physics, and who holds the appropriate endorsement for the assigned course, has a qualifying educational background, and is either a new employee or received a satisfactory rating or above on the teacher's most recent evaluation. This bill also eliminates school administrators from being eligible to receive an education salary adjustment to attract and retain high skilled and dedicated educators. Supersedes HB 1, changing the funding amount for summer career and technical education agriculture programs to \$1,154,458. Provides competitive grants to launch the Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative (USTAR) Centers Program, which will provide STEM education during the summer. Money appropriated for the English Language Learner Family Literacy Centers Program shall be used by school districts and charter schools to pay for costs of English Language Learner Family Literacy Centers as provided in this section

#### UT H 53 Utah Education Network Amendments

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 016

*Date of Last Action:* 02/23/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Menlove (R)

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*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-Other/Miscellaneous| Postsecondary

**Summary:** Modifies the governance of the Utah Education Network (UEN), directs the Governor, in consultation with the state Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Commissioner of Higher Education, to appoint a steering committee for UEN, specifies the membership of the steering committee, specifies the power and duties of the steering committee which includes hiring an executive director for UEN, establishes the policy for the operation of UEN and the administration of UEN's duties.

### UT S 56 School Performance Report

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 206

*Date of Last Action:* 03/26/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Morgan (D)

*Topics:* Accountability| Class Size| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Modifies the information to be reported in the state superintendent's annual report of the public school system and a school performance report, requires reporting of data on average class sizes calculated in accordance with State Board of Education rule, modifies the reporting of pupil-teacher ratios, deletes the reporting of pupil-adult ratios. "Special education classes and online classes shall be excluded when determining average class size by grade at the elementary school level or the average class size of core language arts, mathematics, and science courses at the secondary level.

### UT S 65 Statewide Online Education Program

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 419

*Date of Last Action:* 03/30/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stephenson (R)

*Topics:* Charter Schools-Other| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Creates the Statewide Online Education Program to enable a student to earn high school graduation credit through the completion of online courses, establishes the purposes of the Statewide Online Education Program, allows an eligible student to enroll in an online course offered through the Statewide Online Education Program, identifies entities that may offer online courses through the Statewide Online Education Program, requires a study of funding and other related issues.

### UT S 97 Grants for Online Testing

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 367

*Date of Last Action:* 03/23/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Osmond (R)

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*Topics:* Assessment/Testing| Common Core State Standards| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Provides for grants to school districts and charter schools to implement a uniform online summative test system, an online adaptive test system, or both, requires a grant recipient to implement an online adaptive test system that meets technology standards established by the State Board of Education and provide matching funds to implement a uniform online summative test system, an online adaptive test system, or both in an amount greater than or equal to the grant received.

### UT S 178 Statewide Online Education Program

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 238

*Date of Last Action:* 03/20/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stephenson (R)

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| High School

**Summary:** Modifies provisions related to the Statewide Online Education Program to include prohibiting preference to an online course or course provider, the fees paid to an online course provider for an online course, modification of the payment date, withdrawing for an online course, course credit, the counting of an online student for released-time class, the taking a more than one full course load, online course provider performance reports, an audit of Electronic High School and courses offered by same.

### UT S 213 Charter School Enrollment

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 414

*Date of Last Action:* 03/26/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stephenson (R)

*Topics:* Charter Schools-Expansion| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Provides for an increase in the enrollment capacity of a charter school that has students in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in an online course through the Statewide Online Education Program, subject to the Legislature appropriating funds for the increase in enrollment capacity.

### UT S 248 Smart School Technology Program

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chaptered. Chapter No. 208

*Date of Last Action:* 03/19/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Stevenson (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Creates a pilot project known as the Smart School Technology Program to encourage the deployment of a whole-school technology plan in public schools, directs

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the selection of a private education technology provider through a request for proposals to develop and implement the deployment plan, creates an independent evaluating committee, requires the selection of school for participation and a report on the program, appropriates moneys for incubating technology solutions on economic and workforce development.

### Virginia

#### VA H 578 Online Course Teacher Licensure

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 365

*Date of Last Action:* 03/23/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Bell Ri (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Relates to online courses, relates to teacher licensure, requires the Board of Education to develop licensure criteria for teachers who teach only online courses.

#### VA S 738 Virtual School Programs

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 817

*Date of Last Action:* 04/21/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Newman (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Relates to establishment of virtual school programs, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop, and the Board of Education to approve, criteria for approving and monitoring multi-division providers of online courses and virtual school programs, allows local school boards to enter into contracts with approved private or nonprofit organizations to provide such courses and programs, such contracts shall be exempt from the Public Procurement Act.

#### VA H 756 Public Schools

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 381

*Date of Last Action:* 03/23/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Dance (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Relates to public schools, relates to the innovation technical advisory committee, requires the Board of Education to establish an Innovation Technical Advisory Committee comprised of individuals with experience in the establishment and operation of charter schools, college partnership laboratory schools, and virtual school programs.

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### VA H 1215 Virtual Schools

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 183

*Date of Last Action:* 03/08/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Bell Ri (R)

*Topics:* Assessment/Testing| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology

**Summary:** Relates to virtual schools, relates to accreditation, requires the Board of Education to promulgate regulations establishing standards for accreditation of virtual schools that enroll students full time.

### VA H 1388 Virtual School Programs

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Acts of Assembly. Chapter No. 537

*Date of Last Action:* 04/11/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Bell Ri (R)

*Topics:* Accountability| Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Relates to establishment of virtual school programs, requires approval, relates to criteria for approving and monitoring multi-division providers of online courses and virtual school programs, allows local school boards to enter into contracts with approved private or nonprofit organizations to provide such courses and programs, provides that such contracts shall be exempt from the Public Procurement Act.

## Vermont

### VT H 792 State Government

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 146

*Date of Last Action:* 06/01/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Appropriations Cmt

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Relates to state government, makes changes in administration and policy to include contracting, savings and revenues, liquor marketing, tax information filing and tax collection, wildlife licenses, parks, Medicaid, elder care, long-term care facilities, social services, child support collection, substance abuse issues, psychiatric prescription drugs, health care initiatives, air quality requirements, law and justice provisions, electrician and plumber trades, education issues, and economic development. Encourages the use of virtual learning methods to meet the needs of rural students.

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#### WA H 1822 First Nonprofit Online University

*2011 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 146

*Date of Last Action:* 04/22/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Kenney (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-Governance| Postsecondary  
*Associated Bills:* WA S 5136 - Companion

**Summary:** Establishes the first nonprofit online university in partnership with Western Governors University and the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

#### WA H 2065 Allocation of Funding for Students

*2012 Status:* Enacted - 1st Special Session Chapter No. 34

*Date of Last Action:* 06/15/2011 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Hunt (D)

*Topics:* Alternative Education| Distance/online/virtual learning| Middle School

**Summary:** Requires a specified reduction in funding for alternative learning experience programs, requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to determine the methodology for achieving the savings, requires that no particular program shall take less or more than specified reductions, changes the statutory definition of online courses to specify that at least half of the instruction is provided remotely, via the Internet or other computer-based learning.

#### WA H 2337 Open Educational Resources

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 178

*Date of Last Action:* 03/29/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Carlyle (D)

*Topics:* Common Core State Standards| Distance/online/virtual learning| Education  
Technology

*Associated Bills:* WA S 6231 - Companion

**Summary:** Regards open educational resources in K-12 education, directs that a percentage of the moneys currently appropriated for textbooks and curriculum be used for the development of openly licensed courseware aligned with common core state standards to be made available at no cost to school districts.

#### WA H 2598 Online Mathematics Curriculum

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 2008-274

*Date of Last Action:* 03/31/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Sullivan P (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Postsecondary-College Preparation|  
Postsecondary| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

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**Summary:** Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education to work together to develop a request for proposals for private vendors or nonprofit organizations to adapt an existing mathematics curriculum to be aligned with the state's essential academic learning requirements and grade level expectations and make the curriculum available online at no cost to school districts.

### WA H 2913 High School Programs

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 99

*Date of Last Action:* 03/17/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Haigh (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Graduation Requirements/Exit Exams| High School| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| School Choice

**Summary:** Authorizes creation of innovative interdistrict cooperative high school programs designed to provide interdisciplinary curriculum and instruction organized into subject-focused themes through alternative, online, work-based, experiential and field-based learning, direct classroom instruction at multiple and varying locations, intensive and accelerated learning to enable early graduation and creative use of facilities to minimize costs and maximize access for geographically dispersed students. STEM: Relates to STEM programs.

### WA H 3129 Online Learning Programs For High School Students

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 2008-95

*Date of Last Action:* 03/20/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Schmick (R)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| High School| Postsecondary-College Preparation| Postsecondary| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Summary:** Regards online learning programs for high school students to earn college credit, requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to compile information about online learning programs for high school students to earn college credit and to place the information prominently on its web site, provides that high schools shall ensure that teachers and counselors have information regarding such programs.

### WA S 6403 Vulnerable Students

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 243

*Date of Last Action:* 03/29/2010 - Line Item Vetoed\*

*Author:* Kauffman (D)

*Topics:* Alternative Education| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Dropout Prevention| High School-Graduation Rate Measurement| High School  
Associated Bills: WA H 2609 - Companion

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**Summary:** Facilitates the development of a collaborative infrastructure at the local, regional, and state level between systems that serve vulnerable youth in order to improve statewide high school graduation rates, changes the duties and composition of the state-level building bridges work group. Includes online course offerings as part of the re-engagement system.

### Wisconsin

#### WI S 396 Online Courses for Elementary School Pupils

*2008 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 222

*Date of Last Action:* 04/07/2008 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Lehman (D) Additional Authors: Turner (D);Sinicki (D);Pope-Roberts (D);Kreitlow (D);Taylor (D)

*Topics:* Accountability| Charter Schools| Distance/online/virtual learning| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)| School Choice| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues-Professional Development| Teacher Issues

**Summary:** Relates to virtual charter schools, provides for online courses for elementary and secondary school pupils, grants rule-making authority.

### West Virginia

#### WV S 371 Innovation Zone Pilot Project

*2012 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 63

*Date of Last Action:* 04/02/2012 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Kessler (D)

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning| Education Technology| Teacher Issues-Induction and Mentoring| Teacher Issues-Licensure and Certification| Teacher Issues-Recruitment and Retention| Teacher Issues

*Associated Bills:* WV H 4235 - Same as

**Summary:** Creates the School Innovation Zones Act, implements a pilot project to improve student performance in specified school systems, provides for plans to be submitted to the Department of Education, specifies that the plan should include, but not be limited to, an assessment program, provisions required by the No Child Left Behind Act, increased collaboration regarding teacher recruitment, teacher certification, and virtual courses, provides for evaluations of school-aged children to assess their health status.

#### WV H 4593 High School Graduation Improvement

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Act No. 63

*Date of Last Action:* 03/26/2010 - Enacted\*



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*Author:* Stowers (D)

*Topics:* Accountability| Alternative Education| Assessment/Testing| Student Attendance| Distance/online/virtual learning| Distance/online/virtual learning| High School-Dropout Prevention| High School-Graduation Rate Measurement| High School-Reform| High School

**Summary:** Relates to improving student participation, success and high school graduation rates, increasing the age for compulsory school attendance, proceedings to enforce attendance, establishment of the High School Graduation Improvement Act, county board of education student retention and increased graduation rate planning, assistance from the State Board of Education, increased funding for alternative education programs, and authorizing establishment of additional juvenile drug courts.

### Wyoming

#### WY H 41 School Finance

*2010 Status:* Enacted - Chapter No. 24

*Date of Last Action:* 03/04/2010 - Enacted\*

*Author:* Joint Interim Committee on Education

*Topics:* Distance/online/virtual learning

**Summary:** Relates to school finance, excludes district revenues derived from any tuition assessed by a district for the provision of distance education programs to participating nonresident students from local resource computations used in computing foundation program amounts, provides for an effective date.