## 2021-2022 Biennium Education Related Acts

## 2021 Session

- Act 7, An act relating to statewide public school employee health benefits
  - Changes to the operation and duties of the Commission on Public School Employee Health Benefits
- Act 28, An act relating to improving prekindergarten through grade 12 literacy within the State
- Act 35, An act relating to the Task Force on Equitable and Inclusive School Environments
  - Task Force to make recommendations to end suspensions and expulsions for all but the most serious student behaviors
  - Prohibits expulsion or suspension of students under 8
  - o Requires truancy data to be reported to General Assembly
- Act 59, An act relating to the Pupil Weighting Factors Report
  - o Creates Task Force on Implementation of the Pupil Weighting Factors Report
- Act 66, An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education laws
  - Created the working group on the status of libraries and amended several library related laws
  - o Allowed for education funds to be used for cultural liaisons
  - o Required creation of model wellness program policy
  - o Required schools to provide menstrual products at no cost
  - o Extended the Ethnic and Social Equity Standards Advisory Working Group timeline
  - Extended the deadline for statewide adoption of the shared school district data management system (eFinancePlus) and required updates from AOE on implementation
  - o Required SBE and AOE to jointly report on their roles and responsibilities
- Act 67, An act relating to equitable access to a high-quality education through community schools
  - Creates community school coordinator and community school programs
  - o Creates incentive grant for using locally produced foods in school food programs
  - o Creates task force on universal school meals, requires report
- Act 68, An act relating to sexual violence
  - o Creates the Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council
- Act 72, An act relating to addressing the needs and conditions of public school facilities in the State
  - Requires AOE to update school construction facilities standards
  - o Requires school facilities inventory and conditions assessment
  - o Requires AOE report on school construction funding
  - o Creates renewable and efficient heating systems in schools grant program

## 2022 Session

- Act 111, An act relating to the collective bargaining rights of teachers
  - o Noninterference with right to testify
- Act 127, An act relating to improving student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight
  - o Pupil weighting bill
- Act 140, An act relating to educational benefits for members of the military and their families and eligibility for election to serve as the Adjutant and Inspector General
  - o Master's degree or second baccalaureate degree pilot program
  - o Amendments to in-state tuition eligibility requirements
  - o Purple Star Campus designation
  - o Adjutant and Inspector General qualifications
- Act 151, An act relating to universal school meals
- Act 152, An act relating to nondiscriminatory school branding
- Act 166, An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education laws
  - o Expanded in-state tuition option for certain Vermonters
  - Extended prohibition on suspension or expulsion of students under 8 to approved independent schools and private prek programs
  - o Report on exclusionary practices in early childhood education settings
  - o Report on kindergarten entrance age standardization
  - o Report on statewide uniform school calendar
  - o Report on statewide remote learning policy
  - o Report on PCB testing
  - o Extended AOE school facilities inventory from October 1, 2022 to 2023
  - o Extended radon testing requirements from 2024 to 2025
  - o Amended language regarding bonding of certain school district officials
  - o Interstate school district special education eligibility
  - Amended approved independent school financial investigation roles from SBE to AOE
  - Amended prek program prequalification quality standards
  - Allowed AOE to contract for position instead of recruit
- Act 175, An act relating to making miscellaneous changes in education law
  - o Amends fiscal year 2023 census grant funding calculation
  - o Requires report on Holocaust education
  - Delays implementation of two specific rules in SBE special education rule series 2360
  - o Creates income-based education tax study committee
- Act 176, An act relating to the exploration, formation, and organization of union school districts and unified union school districts