Trending Education Policy

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WHO WE ARE.

The essential, indispensable member of any team addressing education policy.
WHAT WE DO.

We believe in the power of learning from experience, and we know informed policymakers create better education policy.
HOW WE DO IT.

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2022 Legislative Trends in Education Policy
State Education Policy Tracking

Search for enacted and vetoed education bills across the country.
1,190 enacted and vetoed bills in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
Legislative Trends

- Teaching
- Student Health
- K-12 Funding
189 Enacted Teaching Bills

States with enacted legislation related to teaching.
Teaching Trends

Certification and Licensure

Recruitment and Retention

Compensation
Teaching

State Examples

Kentucky H.B. 277: Expedited route for teacher certification.

Louisiana H.B. 510: Professional development requirements.

Mississippi H.B. 530: Increased the minimum teacher salary scale.
179 Enacted Health Bills

States with enacted legislation related to health.
Student Health Trends

Student Mental and Behavioral Health

Raising Awareness and Providing Support

School-Based Health Services
Georgia H.B. 1283: Recess for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Oklahoma H.B. 4106: LEA protocol for mental health crises.
States with enacted legislation related to K-12 funding.
K-12 Funding Trends

- Funding Formulas
- Targeted Funding for Certain Students
- Student Counts
K-12 Funding

State Examples

**Tennessee H.B. 2143**: Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) formula.

**Vermont S. 287**: Changes the pupil weighting factors for certain student populations.
$190 billion to states and districts in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.
ESSER Spending

- Learning Recovery
- School Staffing
- Health and Wellness
**Ohio:** Expanded high-impact tutoring.

**Mississippi:** Statewide in-school telehealth and teletherapy.
2023 State of the State Trends

Education Priorities in Governors’ State of the State Addresses
Governors’ Top Education Priorities

- K-12 Finance
- Teacher Staffing
- Health
- Workforce/Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Early Care and Education (ECE)
Additional Education Priorities

- School Safety
- Reading and Literacy
- School Choice
- Financial Aid
State K-12 Governance Models
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Selection of state board of education and chief state school officer:

• Four general governance models.
• Alternative governance models.
Four General Governance Models

Model 1

Governor appoints state board of education and chief state school officer:

• 10 states.

• State examples: Pennsylvania and Virginia.
Four General Governance Models

Model 2
Governor appoints state board and board appoints chief:

- 12 states.
- State examples: Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia.
Model 3

Governor appoints state board and voters elect chief:

• 9 states.
• State examples: Georgia and North Carolina.
Four General Governance Models

Model 4

Voters elect state board and board appoints chief:

• 6 states.

• State examples: Colorado and Michigan.
Alternative Governance Models

13 states and D.C. have structures that are modified versions of the general models.

• State examples: Indiana, Louisiana and Ohio.
Alternative Governance Models

**Indiana:** Governor, House Speaker and Senate President appoint state board; and governor appoints the chief.

**Louisiana:** Governor appoints three state board members and voters elect eight members; and state board appoints the chief.
Ohio's Governance Model

- Governor appoints eight board members and voters elect 11 members.
- State board appoints the chief (state superintendent).
State K-12 Governance Models

• States’ governance models evolve over time.
• Research does not suggest one ideal governance structure.
• Governance involves collaboration and communication.
RESOURCES

from our presentation.

State Education Policy Tracking
Innovative State Strategies for Using ESSER Funds
Governors’ Top Education Priorities in 2023 State of the State Addresses
50-State Comparison: K-12 Governance
Education Governance Dashboard
THANK YOU!

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