

Advocacy for your District

CASBO Fall Conference- October 15, 2020

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2020 Election

- State Senate – 7 members term-limited or not seeking re-election – 18 of 35 members up for election
- State House of Representatives – All 65 seats are up for election every 2 years – 13 members term-limited, not seeking re-election, or running for a different office

Get to Know your Legislators

Schedule	Schedule a time before the legislative session to introduce yourself and your district's cabinet if possible. It is good if your Legislator feels they can ask you questions during the session.
Ask	During the meeting you can ask your Legislator what type of bills they are planning to sponsor or support during the session.
Give	Give your Legislators your contact info especially cell phone in case they want to text you a question during the session.
Find out	Find out if they want to hear from you about education bills and the impact to your district as they are introduced.

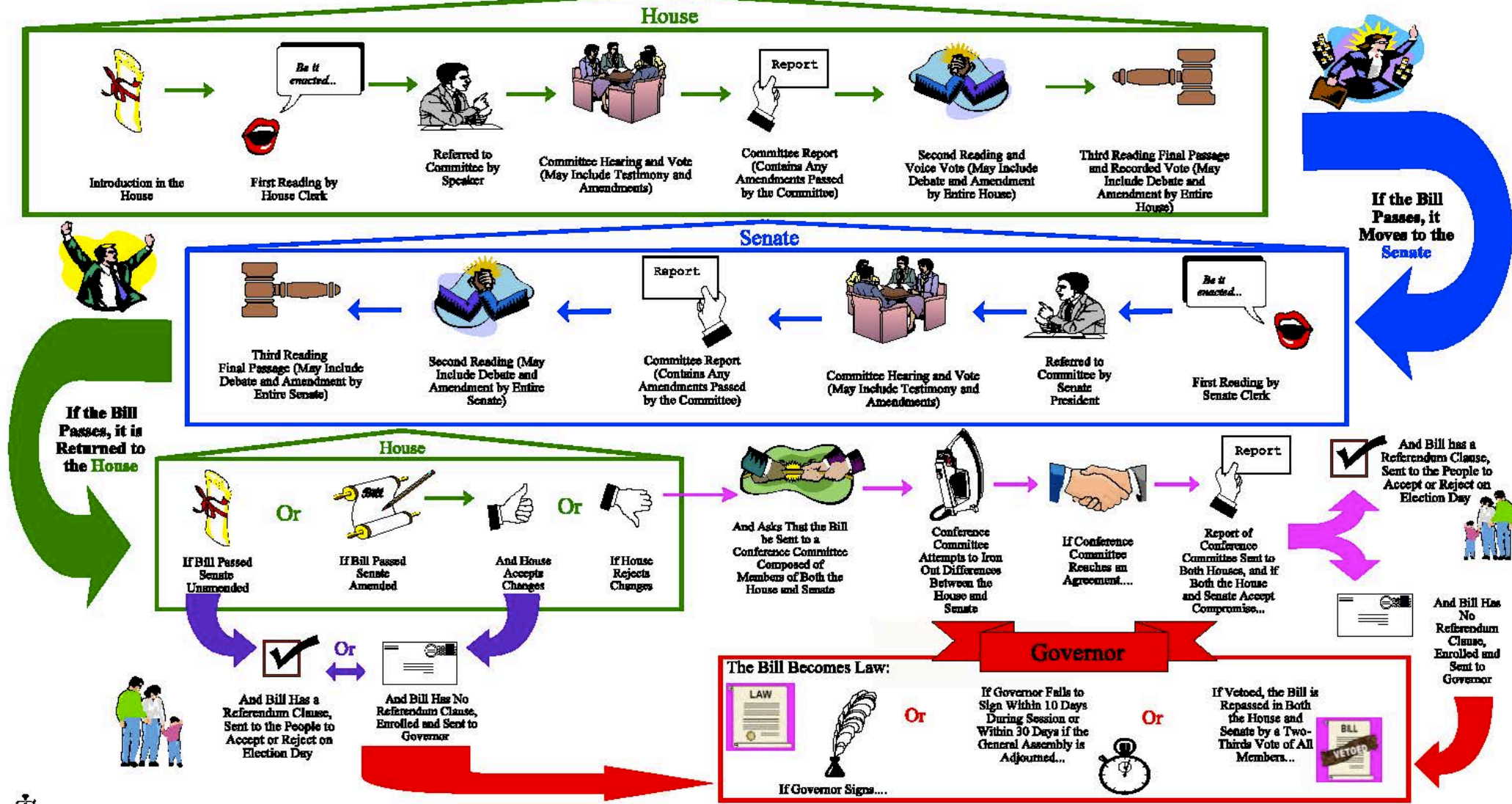
Bright Ideas

- Your Legislator comes up with a bright idea!
- Is this a new idea or recycled?
- What is the problem that the bill is proposing to solve?
- How will the proposed bill impact other School Districts?
- What are the consequences from the passage of the bill?
- Is it time to phone a friend?

Fiscal Note Process

- K-12 CFO's/budget directors can help give information for impact statement on legislation
- Timing – bills drop and have quick turn around before introduced
- Confidentiality critical
- Augenblick Palaich and Associates coordinates this process
 - Teams of 4-5 are created with 4 to 6 teams
 - Fast paced process and reliability critical
 - Interested? Let us know

How a Bill Becomes Colorado Law*



Office of Legislative Legal Services, Colorado General Assembly, October 2001

* Assumes Bill is a House bill, a Senate Bill Follows a Similar Process Beginning in the Senate

Timing- *State Legislature (CDE), District, & Board of Education*

September 2020

S2021-22 Revenue Forecast

BOE: Receives quarterly
financials

October 2020

October Student Count (10-
day window)

November 2020

Governor's Budget (11/1/20)

Election Day (11/3/20)

District: Mill or Bond election,
Odd years: School board
election

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December 2020

Legislators request 3 of 5 bills allowed (12/1/20)

Newly elected legislators request 3 of 5 bills allowed (12/15/20)

2021-22 Revenue Forecast

CDE releases student Membership Count

District: Receive final assessed valuation from county assessor.

BOE: Certify mill levies property tax collection figures to county commissioner

BOE: Revised 2020-21 Budget Approved & Quarterly financials

January 2021

Supplemental Process

Legislative Session Begins (1/13/21)

Senate Legislators request last 2 of 5 bills allowed (1/15/21)

House Legislators request last 2 of 5 bills allowed (1/19/20)

February 2021

Consumer Price Index (CPI) Forecast

Introduction of supplemental budget bill

BOE: receives budget update

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March 2021

2021-22 Revenue Forecast

Introduction of the Long Bill into the Senate (3/29/21)

BOE: receives quarterly financials

BOE: Approve funded Capital projects

April 2021

District/BOE: Begin staffing decisions for 2021-22

May 2021

Finalize School Finance Act.

Session scheduled to end (5/12/21)

District/BOE: Staffing decisions, preliminary budget must be presented

June 2021

2021-22 Revenue Forecast

BOE: receives quarterly financials

BOE: Adoption of 2021-22 budget

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Legislative and District Sample Budget Time for Fiscal Year 2020-21

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Colorado School Finance Project meeting dates

- November 13, 2020
- January 15, 2021
- February 12, 2021
- March 12, 2021
- April 23, 2021
- May 14, 2021

Colorado Association of School Executive's legislative committee meeting dates

- November 9, 2020
- January 22, 2021
- February 5, 2021 (immediately after CASE Winter Leadership Conference)
- February 26, 2021
- March 12, 2021
- April 2, 2021
- April 30, 2021

Finance Policy and Procedures Meeting Dates

2020/2021 meeting schedule is still TBD

October State Share from CDE

- CRF funds used as part of total program
- Concern over supplement/supplant
- Concern over less state share and predetermine use of funds
- Districts have already spent dollars on other items and now caught short

Questions?

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