



## Education Issues 2019

# A session that had everything



**Energy regulation! Climate change!**  
**Gun control! Health care costs!**  
**Election reform! Economic security!**  
**Criminal justice!**  
**Marathon hearings! Filibusters!**

## Where did education fit in?

Capitol  
Editorial  
Services



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**Sex education!**

**Immunization exemptions!**

Well, not quite ...

There was a lot more. Things started slowly but session was the biggest for education in awhile

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# Bills and issues

About 75 bills introduced, 50-some passed

- Full-day kindergarten
- READ Act reform
- Concurrent enrollment
- Early-grades discipline
- Online regulation



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# Also on the agenda ...

- Supporting, attracting educators
- Student health and safety

So, all in all, a pretty substantial session, right? Not so fast.



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- Online – issue since 2007



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So, kind of a do-over session. Why?

- Polis picked kindergarten
- A good economy
- Literacy problems exposed
- Persistence
- Democratic control
- And – are there any new ideas?



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# A little bit of history

2008 – CAP4K, BEST

2009 – Accountability

2010 – Evaluation

2011 – Budget cuts

2012 – READ Act

2013 – Finance reform

2014 – Assessment

2015 – Assessment

2016 – Student data

2017 – School finance

2018 – School finance

2019 – Do-overs



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# Enough policy – let's talk money

- Total Program is up
- The BS Factor is down
- Kindergarten plan helps districts
- A boost for BEST
- And that's not all



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# Continuing funding for 2019-20

- \$7.4 billion TPF (state and local), up \$325M (2.7% inflation rate)
- Local revenues pay for increase
- The BS Factor goes down \$100M to \$572M
- \$764M assorted current assistance to schools
- And Categoricals total \$483M all funds, up 1.8%



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# BEST funding

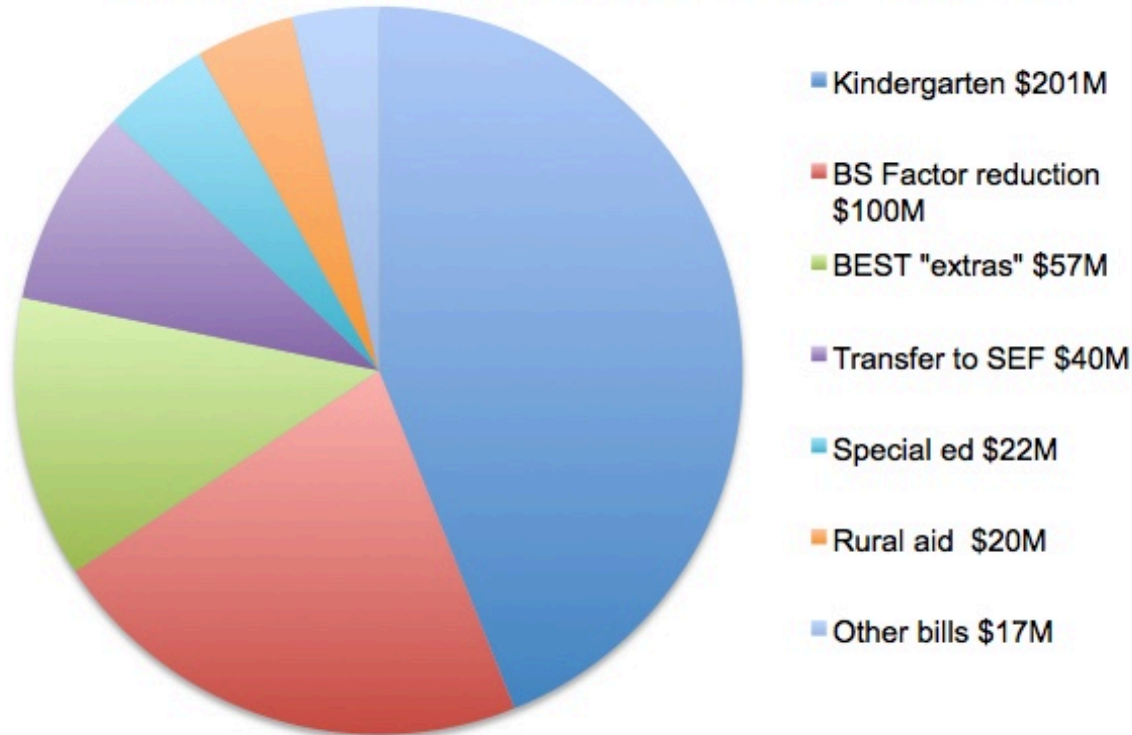
- All marijuana excise revenues go to the program - \$6M increase
- Annual lease payments to \$105M, then \$110M
- Ceiling lifted on cash grants
- \$81M spending increase next year
- More funding for charter facilities
- \$25M for kindergarten implementation



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## But wait, there's more

### New K-12 spending 2019-20 - \$469M





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# What didn't get addressed – Future do-overs?

- Assessment – quiet since 2015
- Evaluation – passed 2010, effort to change failed this year
- Accountability – passed 2009, modest bill this session
- CAP4K – started it all in 2008





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# And the really hard stuff

- Funding adequacy
- Funding equity
- Mill levy overrides
- Gallagher and uniform mill levy



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# Finally, a cautionary tale

- Does anyone remember HB 08-1386?
- And who can tell me what HB 19-1002 does?



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# Get more information

- Go to <https://cosfp.org> for links to a report on the 2019 session and to two education bill trackers.
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