



## ACTION ALERTS

This year, we are adopting a new process for requesting lobbying “action” from local leagues and their members. Along with each legislative letter, we will include this page identifying 1-3 bills for action by members. Included will be a short description, our position and explanation. We will ask that you contact members of the committee of reference hearing the bill, or contact your senator or representative when the full body is set to hear a bill. These days, best communication is by email, although phone calls (often leaving a message) and letters are also just fine. You can find phone numbers, email and US mail addresses of legislators at [www.leg.state.co.us](http://www.leg.state.co.us). Look near the middle of the screen for “Legislative Directory (Pink Book).”

Please act promptly when you receive the legislative letter. The local league president should send a message on behalf of the local league. Others should speak on their own behalf.

Thank you for your desire to put the force of the League’s many informed and involved members to work on behalf of good government.

For this, the first legislative letter of the year, we suggest you:

### ASK FOR SUPPORT

**SB 21, Removing Term Limits for the Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Board** has been introduced by Sen. Nicholson and Rep. Looper. This bill proposes to eliminate the term limits for members of Water Facility Operators Boards. Currently, members can serve a total of 8 years. This poses hardships, as finding people with time, interest, and relevant experience to serve on these volunteer boards is difficult. There is institutional memory from members that cannot always be easily replaced. With this turnover, the board loses its institutional memory and valuable members. The League has always opposed term limits and feels this board should be exempt from them. (See also page 7 in this Leg Letter.)

The committee that will hear this is Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources. It has not been scheduled yet, but those people in the following Senate districts should contact their senators, preferably by email.

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## FACTS ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The mission of the League of Women Voters is to encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government and influence public policy issues through education and advocacy. **It is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.**

The League was founded in 1920 as an outgrowth of the long struggle to win voting rights for women in the United States. Membership is open to all citizens of voting age. There are 1200 Leagues throughout the U.S. The League of Women Voters of Colorado has over 1600 members in 21 local leagues. They are: Adams County, Jefferson County, Arapahoe County, La Plata County, Archuleta County, Larimer County, Boulder County, Mesa County, Chaffee County, Montezuma County, Delta County, Montrose County, Denver, Douglas County, Estes Park, Pikes Peak Region, Greeley/Weld County, Pueblo, Gunnison Area, Routt County, and Sterling.

The League is organized around two main functions: VOTER EDUCATION AND PROGRAM.

VOTER EDUCATION provides a vital service to the citizens of Colorado. The Education Fund provides the public with factual and unbiased information about ballot issues and candidates to help them in making informed decisions at election time. In addition to encouraging eligible voters to register and vote, the League provides information to help them understand the political process and promote active participation in government. Voter Education efforts are administered by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit. Financial support for the voter education area comes from grants, in-kind and financial contributions.

The PROGRAM area is separate from Voter Education. The League studies many public policy issues. In this area we may take action in support of or opposition to the issue after thorough study and consensus by our members. The studies include issues related to government, natural resources and social policy. The League takes action at all levels of government on public policy issues. These actions include briefings and workshops to inform our members, lobbying before government bodies, petition drives, publishing information for the general public and the news media, or holding open informational meetings. Program efforts are administered by the League of Women Voters of Colorado, a 501 (c) 4 non-profit.

Financial support for the program area comes from membership, conferences and special events, contributions, publications.

Board members and volunteers donate hundreds of hours to the above activities including: writing publications, researching ballot issues, lobbying at the legislature and answering the voter hotline.

### HOW DOES THE LEAGUE ADOPT POLICY POSITIONS?

League Program consists of governmental issues chosen by members for study and ultimate action. These may range from educational activities in the community to legislative lobbying. Study makes action possible by bringing members the knowledge that makes League action uniquely credible and respected. The process gives members an opportunity to examine facts, pro and con arguments, and political realities.

Reaching consensus is a technique used traditionally in the League of Women Voters to discuss and arrive at conclusions on issues. Consensus is not a simple majority vote, nor does it mean unanimity. It is the "sense of the group" as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions. League action can take place only after consensus or concurrence has been reached and a position formulated.

The League of Women Voters of Colorado determines what legislation to follow and to support or oppose based first and foremost on our program positions. We can support or oppose only topics on which the League has conducted studies and arrived at positions on the local, state and/or national level. The Legislative Action Committee meets biweekly during the legislative session to review pending bills and determine which to follow based on our stated program. Positions of support, oppose or "watch" are arrived at by consensus after reviewing all information available at the time. As bills change, it is sometimes necessary to change positions, and those decisions are also made by consensus of the committee.

### ADVOCACY AGENDA 2011

#### Government

- Fiscal Policy
- Redistricting
- Voting Rights

#### Natural Resources

- Water
- Energy/Environmental Planning and Management/Air Quality

#### Social Policy

- Health Care
- Education/Higher Education

The Advocacy Agenda reflects the priority issues that will be addressed by League in both legislative and citizen education activities across Colorado.

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## LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP IN 2011

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Asst. Minority Leader	Bill Cadman
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Information Center/Bill Room	303 866 3055
Governor's Office	303 866 2471
Joint Budget Committee	303 866 2061
Legislative Council	303 866 3521
Legislative Legal Services	303 866 2045
Reviser of Statutes	303 866 2045
House Members – both parties	303 866 2904
Democratic Senators	303 866 4865
Republican Senators	303 866 4866
Office State Planning & Budgeting	303 866 3317

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Speaker of the House	Frank McNulty
Speaker Pro-Tem	Kevin Priola
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Majority Caucus Chair	Carole Murray
Majority Whip	B.J. Nikkel
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Asst. Minority Leader	Nancy Todd
Minority Caucus Chair	Lois Court
Minority Whip	Claire Levy

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Governor	800 238 7215
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House	800 811 7647

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## 2011 HOUSE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE

### **AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & NATURAL RESOURCES**

Representatives Sonnenberg (Chair); Baumgardner, (Vice-Chair); Brown, Coram, Fischer, Jones, Looper, McKinley, Ryden, Scott, Vaad, Vigil, Wilson

Staff: Lauren Ris  
Mon., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 0107)  
Wed., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 0107)

### **APPROPRIATIONS**

Representatives Gerou (Chair); Becker, (Vice-Chair); DelGrosso, Ferrandino, B. Gardner, Hullinghorst, A. Kerr, Looper, Pabon, Riesberg, Solano, Sonnenberg, Vaad

Staff: Craig Harper  
Fri., 7:30-9:00 (LSB-A)  
Other times as announced

### **ECONOMIC & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Representatives: Liston (Chair); Swalm (Vice-Chair); Balmer, D. Gardner, Holbert, Miklosi, Priola, Soper, Swerdfeger, Szabo, Tyler, Williams, Wilson

Staff: Christie Lee  
Tuesday, All Day (Rm. 0112)  
Thurs. 1:30-6:00 (Rm 0112)

### **EDUCATION**

Representatives Massey (Chair); Beezley (Vice-Chair); Hamner, Holbert, Joshi, A. Kerr, Murray, Peniston, Ramirez, Schafer, Solano, Summers, Todd

Staff: Katey McGettrick  
Mon., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 0112)  
Wed. Adj.-Noon (Rm. 0112)

### **FINANCE**

Representatives DelGrosso (Chair); Swerdfeger (Vice-Chair); Acree, Beezley, Conti, Duran, Hullinghorst, Joshi, Kagan, Kefalas, Labuda, Pabon, Swalm

Staff: Ron Kirk  
Wed., 1:30-6:00 (LSB-A)  
Thurs., 1:30-6:00 (LSB-A)

### **HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT**

Representatives Summers (Chair); Acree (Vice-Chair); Bradford, Brown, Fields, Joshi, Kefalas, J. Kerr, Massey, McCann, Peniston, Riesberg, Schafer

Staff: Kelly Stapleton  
Tuesday, All Day (LSB-A)  
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### **JUDICIARY**

Representatives B. Gardner (Chair); Barker (Vice-Chair); DelGrosso, Duran, Kagan, Lee, Levy, Nikkel, Ryden, Sonnenberg, Waller

Staff: Jessika Shipley  
Tuesday, All Day (Rm. 0107)  
Thurs., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 0107)

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Representatives: Bradford (Chair); Szabo (Vice-Chair); Balmer, Casso, Conti, Fields, B. Gardner, Lee, McCann, Soper, Swerdfeger

Staff: Raegan Robb  
Mon., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 0111)  
Wed., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 0111)

### **STATE, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Representatives J. Kerr (Chair); Coram (Vice-Chair); Baumgardner, Court, Levy, Miklosi, Liston, Todd, Waller

Staff: Bo Pogue  
Wed., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 0112)  
Thurs., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 0112)

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Representatives Vaad (Chair); Looper (Vice-Chair); Barker, Brown, Fischer, D. Gardner, Hamner, Jones, Priola, Ramirez, Scott, Tyler, Williams

Staff: Kurt Morrison  
Wed., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 0107)  
Thurs., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 0107)

## 2011 SENATE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE

### **AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senators Schwartz (Chair); Jahn (Vice-Chair); Brophy, Giron, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey

Staff: David Beaujon  
Wed., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 353)  
Thurs., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 353)

### **APPROPRIATIONS**

Senators Steadman (Chair); Hodge (Vice-Chair); Bacon, Giron, Grantham, Harvey, Heath, K. King, Lambert, Nicholson

Staff: Patrick Brodhead  
Fri., 7:30-9:00 (Rm. 356)  
Other times as announced.

### **BUSINESS, LABOR, & TECHNOLOGY**

Senators Tochtrop (Chair); Aguilar (Vice-Chair); Harvey, Jahn, Mitchell, White, Williams

Staff: Kristen Johnson  
Mon., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 354)  
Tues. Adj.-Noon (Rm. 354)  
Wed., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 354)

### **EDUCATION**

Senators Bacon (Chair); Hudak (Vice-Chair); Heath, Johnston, K. King, Nicholson, Renfroe, Spence

Staff: Jennifer Thomsen  
Wed., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 354)  
Thurs., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 354)

### **FINANCE**

Senators Johnston (Chair); Giron (Vice-Chair); Brophy, Guzman, Jahn, K. King, Scheffel

Staff: Elizabeth Hanson  
Tues., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 354)  
Thurs., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 354)

### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Senators Boyd (Chair); Newell (Vice-Chair); Aguilar, Carroll, Foster, Lundberg, Mitchell, Roberts, White

Staff: Elizabeth Burger  
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Thurs., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 356)

### **JUDICIARY**

Senators Carroll (Chair); Guzman (Vice-Chair); Giron, S. King, Lundberg, Newell, Nicholson, Roberts, Scheffel

Staff: Hillary Smith  
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Wed., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 356)

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & ENERGY**

Senators Foster (Chair); Nicholson (Vice-Chair); Aguilar, Cadman, Roberts

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Thurs., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 352)

### **STATE, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Senators Heath (Chair); Bacon (Vice-Chair); Boyd, Cadman, Grantham

Staff: Julia Jackson  
Tues., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 353)  
Wed., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 353)

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Senators Hudak (Chair); Williams (Vice-Chair); S. King, Renfroe, Schwartz, Spence, Tochtrop

Staff: Jennifer Thomsen/Kelli Kelty  
Tues., 1:30-6:00 (Rm. 352)  
Thurs., Adj.-Noon (Rm. 352)

## DEADLINE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2011 COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

January 12	<b>General Assembly convenes.</b>
January 28	Deadline for introduction of <b>Senate</b> bills, except the Long Bill.
February 2	Deadline for introduction of <b>House</b> bills.
February 10	Deadline for <b>House</b> committees of reference to report <b>House</b> bills introduced on or before the 6 <sup>th</sup> legislative day.
February 17	Deadline for <b>Senate</b> committees of reference to report <b>Senate</b> bills.*
February 24	Deadline for <b>House</b> committees of reference to report remaining House bills.
March 2	Deadline for final passage of <b>Senate</b> bills in the <b>Senate</b> .*
	Deadline for final passage of <b>House</b> bills in the <b>House</b> .*
March 25	Deadline for committees of reference to report bills originating in the other house.*
March 28	Deadline for introduction of the Long Bill in the <b>Senate</b> .
April 1	Deadline for final passage of Long Bill in the <b>Senate</b> .
April 4	Deadline for final passage in the <b>House</b> of all bills originating in the <b>Senate</b> .*
April 8	Deadline for final passage of Long Bill in the <b>House</b> .
April 11	Deadline for final passage in the <b>Senate</b> of all bills originating in the <b>House</b> .
April 15	Deadline for adoption of conference committee report on Long Bill.
	Deadline for Appropriations Committee in house of introduction to report bills referred to Appropriations Committee.
April 22	Deadline for final passage in house of introduction of all bills referred to Appropriations Committee in that house.
April 28	Deadline for committees of reference to report bills originating in the other house to the Appropriations Committee
May 2	Deadline for Appropriations Committee in second house to report bills referred to Appropriations Committee.
May 5	Deadline for final passage in second house of all bills referred to Appropriations Committee in that house.
May 12	<b>Adjournment sine die.</b> (The General Assembly can meet for no more than 120 calendar days. The past few sessions have adjourned early by a few days; thus while the session must conclude by midnight on May 12, it may do so earlier.)

\* All bills in the Appropriations Committee in either house on the day of the asterisked deadline are excluded from the deadline until the 94<sup>th</sup> legislative day (April 15, 2011)

## GOVERNMENT

### VOTING RIGHTS

#### ID BILLS ARE BACK AGAIN!

**NEW** **HB 1003 Photo ID For Election-Related Purposes (Reps. Summers and Szabo) (oppose).** One of the first bills introduced this session would require a valid, government-issued form of identification with a photograph for election-related purposes. What are election-related purposes? Registering to vote? And how does this apply to mail-in ballots? The bill is not clear on these questions. Citing the Indiana law upheld by the US Supreme Court in 2008, supporters say the burden placed on voters by this requirement is limited and offset by deterring voter fraud. Access to state-issued photo ID is available to senior citizens and low-income citizens by law, but practically speaking, it can be a deterrent in allowing an eligible elector to vote.

Assigned to House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

**NEW** **SB 018 Proof Of Citizenship Required to Register to Vote (Sen. Harvey; Rep. Holbert) (oppose).** Commencing on July 1, 2011, a person who applies to register to vote would be required to provide proof of citizenship. Those registering at driver's license examination facilities would be required to provide proof of citizenship as well as sign a statement affirming citizenship, age, and residency of at least 30 days at sole legal place of residency. Falsely affirming to these qualifications is a class 1 misdemeanor.

This requirement would not apply to persons registered prior to this date or in cases where a registered elector is changing address within a county, or from one county to another within state (provided an emergency registration affidavit has been completed), changing name, or declaring or changing party affiliation.

Assigned to Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

Both bills reported by Carol Tone 303-377-3746

## MAKING THE "BLUE BOOK" MORE INFORMATIVE

**NEW** **HB1035 Blue Book Information Statement (Rep. Court; Sen. Carroll) (support)** proposes to add some information to the Blue Book. The proposed information would include a statement before each measure that the title was written by professional staff and is a summary for ballot purposes only. Before a referred measure, text would note that the measure was thoroughly debated in the general assembly and passed by a majority vote in both House and Senate. Before an initiated measure, it would be noted that the text was written by the initiative proponents and that the measure was on the ballot because the proponents had gathered the required number of petition signatures. League supports this bill based on our principle having an informed electorate.

Assigned to House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs.

Alice Ramsey, 303-841-7839

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### WATER

#### TERMINATE TERM LIMITS

**NEW** **Sen. Nicholson and Rep. Loooper** have introduced **SB 21, Term Limits Water Facility Operators Board (support).** This bill proposes to eliminate the term limits for members of Water Facility Operators Boards. These members are appointed by the governor. Currently, members can serve a total of 8 years. This poses hardships, as finding people with time, interest, and relevant experience to serve on these volunteer boards is difficult. There is institutional memory from members that cannot always be easily replaced. To protect against the boards becoming too "in-bred", there are designations to ensure coverage for the areas of the state. The League has always opposed term limits. Most often, people resign from these boards after a suitable time. In addition, new governors will often appoint new board

members of their choosing. Thus, artificial term limits are not necessary. The bill will be heard in Senate Agriculture Committee, but has not been calendared.

Jeannette Hillery, 303-494-7718

## **SOCIAL POLICY**

### **CHILDREN'S ISSUES**

#### **BILL ADDS CATEGORY OF MANDATORY REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE**

**NEW** SB 34 Required Reporting Of Abuse & Neglect (Sen. Nicholson; Rep. Summers) (support) adds educators who provide services through the federal supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC) to the list of persons who are required to report child abuse or neglect.

It makes sense to add this new category of mandatory reporters to the list because, in the course of their duties, these educators may become aware that the children they are serving are being abused or neglected. Also, because these educators serve infants and toddlers, they are in a position to catch indications of abuse/neglect when the children are very young.

This bill has a fiscal impact which has not yet been determined.

Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Carla Bennett 303-757-2930

### **EDUCATION**

#### **SEEKING NEW FUNDS FOR EDUCATION**

**NEW** SB1 Knowledge Based Economy Fund (Sen. Bacon and Rep. A. Kerr) (watch) would place any state moneys that exceed the amount anticipated for the 2011-12 fiscal year into a fund to be used, essentially, to make up for cuts to K-12 education in the 2010-11 budget. The fund would be repealed on July 1, 2012. After last

year's cut in funding for K-12 education of \$364.4 million, the schools could use some stability. Adequate funding for education has been a priority issue for LWVCO since 1968. This year is no different. Clearly, there may be no funds beyond those anticipated and other functions for which LWVCO advocates will be competing for any such funds. We will be keeping a close eye on this bill as it winds through the legislative process.

Sally Augden 303.455.5800

#### **TAX CREDITS FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

**NEW** HB 1048 Income Tax Credits for Non-public Education (Rep. Swalm; Sen. Lundberg) (oppose) would create income tax credits for parents or scholarship donors who pay for private school tuition for eligible students and a tax credit of \$1000 to parents who home school their children full time. The amount of the private school tax credit would be the amount per year of tuition paid or one-half of the last year's per pupil operating revenue, whichever is less. This early in the session, the fiscal analysts have not had opportunity to evaluate the fiscal impact of bills yet. However, the impact of this bill appears to be to reduce General Fund revenues by the amount of the tax credits times the number of people claiming those credits. The impact is limited by the condition that children eligible for the private school tuition credit must have been enrolled in public school in the school year before the one for which the credit is claimed. The reduction in General Fund revenue would be balanced by a reduction in the amount paid from the General Fund to school districts in per pupil funds, since the children in question would not in the public school population.

The proposal appears to be structured to limit the damage to funding for public schools. However, LWVCO opposes this measure for a variety of reasons related to our position on adequate funding for education and equity for students and taxpayers:

1. The continual loss of state funding exacerbates a myriad of education problems in this state. Already strapped, increased loss of students does not diminish the costs of paying for fixed costs of operating

school or for teachers. LWVCO supports adequate funding for public education.

2. LWV has long stood for equity for students, taxpayers and school districts in public education. This tax credit may work well for citizens in neighborhoods where private schools are located and/or who have schedules and transportation to get their children to private schools. Families who lack those abilities, or who are unable to cover the rest of tuition at private schools would be unable to benefit from this. For rural areas where private schools are non-existent and/or the loss of four students in the public school might devastate, not just hurt, the budget, there is no advantage. The state would “pay” this as a “tax expenditure” even when the child in question lives in a district that does not receive much, if any, state funding to bring the per pupil spending up to the level required for equal access.
3. Accountability is not addressed in this bill, either for curriculum or for educational achievement. Private-school students and the home schooled are not required to take CSAP tests, which are currently the way that educational achievement and advancement is measured in Colorado. The bill does not define private schools; so it is unclear if religious schools are covered by the bill. Colorado Constitution prohibits use of tax dollars for sectarian purposes.

Assigned to House Education Committee.

Sally Augden 303.455.5800

## SEEKING BUILDINGS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

**NEW** **HB 1055 Facilities for Charter Schools (Rep. Beezley) (oppose)** seeks to allow charter schools to utilize district and state facilities. The League opposes this bill in its current form as the current time line for approval from school dis-

tricts and state agencies (30 days) is too short to allow reasonable evaluations of charter school proposals for facility utilization. This bill also subverts local district control by transferring ultimate approval to the CDE and puts a fiscal burden on CDE to evaluate local district and state agency facilities. In circumstances where CDE permits charter schools to use district facilities after district has denied the request, the charter school would be able to use the facility rent-free. This proposal constitutes a questionable subsidy to the charter school, especially since such use will cause the district to incur maintenance costs likely to be above what might otherwise occur.

Assigned to House Education Committee.

Angie Layton 303-926-1197

## **HEALTH CARE**

### **MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN**

**NEW** **SB 008 Aligning Medicaid Eligibility for Children (Sen. Boyd; Rep. Gerou) (support)** This bill increases the current Medicaid income eligibility threshold to cover more children. Currently, children who are between six and nineteen years of age are eligible for Medicaid if family income is up to 100% of the federal poverty line. The proposal is to extend eligibility to those children whose family incomes are up to 133% of the federal poverty level, equal to the income eligibility threshold for pregnant women and children from birth to five years of age. This change will take effect on September 1, 2011.

Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Marion Colliander 303-322-3926

## STATUS SHEET

The Status Sheet is a constantly updated list of bills being followed by Legislative Action Committee members.

New bills are in **boldface**.

S=Support O=Oppose SIP=Support in Part OIP=Oppose in Part W=Watch or Monitor

<b>POLICY AREA</b>	<b>S/H</b>	<b>BILL #</b>	<b>BILL TITLE</b>	<b>S/O</b>	<b>PAGE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>Children's Issues</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Required Reporting Of Abuse &amp; Neglect</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>S-HHS</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>HB</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>Income Tax Credits For Nonpublic Ed</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>H-ED</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>HB</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>Facilities For Charter Schools</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>H-ED</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Knowledge-based Economy Fund</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>S-ED</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>HB</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>Blue Book Information Statement</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>H-SA</b>
<b>Health Care</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Aligning Children's Medicaid Eligibility</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>S-HHS</b>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Term Limits Water Facility Operators Bd</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>S-Agr.</b>
<b>Voting Rights</b>	<b>HB</b>	<b>1003</b>	<b>Define ID For Voting</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>H-SA</b>
<b>Voting Rights</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Proof of Citizenship for Voter Regis</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>S-SA</b>