



Aligned Priority Bill Update

Tax Credits for Childcare

Authorizes the "Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act", the "Employer-Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit Act", and the "Child Care Providers Tax Credit", relating to tax credits for child care.

[HB 269](#) (Shields) – Referred to Senate Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration on 3-13-25. **No change.**

[SB 455](#) (Hough) –Hearing Conducted in Senate Committee on Emerging Issues and Professional Registration on 3-11-25. **No change.**

Restriction of Three-Cueing Approaches in Literacy Teaching

Prohibits a "three-cueing system" approach in reading instruction, which encourages students to guess words based on context, sentence structure, and visual clues rather than focusing on decoding the letters and sounds of the words themselves. This bill would ensure reading instruction is based on more reliable, evidence-based strategies.

[HB 941](#) (Lewis) – Voted Do Pass – House Rules-Legislative on 3-12-25. **No change.**

[SB 556](#) (Henderson) – Hearing conducted in Senate Education on 3-11-25. **No change.**

Open Enrollment

These bills allow students to attend public schools outside their assigned zones or districts, providing families with the flexibility to choose schools that best meet their children's educational needs.

[HB 711](#) (Pollitt) – Third Read and Passed Y-88 N-69. Referred to Senate – Education on **3-24-25**.

[SB 215](#) (Trent) – Pass as substituted – Senate Education. Placed on Informal Calendar. **NO CHANGE**

Teacher Externships

Extends the sunset on the state's teacher externship program, which offers educators hands-on experience in industry settings, enabling them to integrate real-world applications into their teaching.

[HB 267](#) (Shields) – Third Read and Passed – **Y-142 N-0** and Reported to the Senate and First Read on **3-26-25**.

Education Omnibus

Language from **HB 267** – Teacher Externships and **HB 941** – Three Cueing reading instruction prohibition was added to **HB 607** (Lewis) and education omnibus. This bill also includes numerous other provisions. Read the bill summary [here](#).

[HB 607](#) (Lewis) – Third Read and Passed – Y-144 N-4 on 3-13-25. Referred to Senate – Education on **3-24-25**.