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Special Education funding and reforms:

HB 1305 | Improving access to and provision of a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities.

HB 1436 | Funding special education

HB 1479 | Student restraint or isolation

Gun Violence Prevention:

HB 1240/SB 5265 | Assault Weapons Restrictions

HB 1143/SB 5211 | Permit to Purchase

HB 1130/SB 5078 | Civil Liability for Gun Dealers & Manufacturers

Dismantling Institutional and Systemic Racism:

HB 1025 (removes qualified immunity for police and their employers)

Equitable Revenue (to amply fund education):

SB 5486/HB 1473 | Wealth Tax

Additional education-related bills:

HB 1230 | Safe Storage of firearms mandatory dissemination of health department information by school districts

HB 1195 | Ban on open carry of firearms in parks (student recess, sports, recreation) and hospitals.

Higher ed funding:

SB 5703 is currently being considered in Senate Ways and Means. This bill will expand the Washington College Grant from the temporary 55% MFI (Median Family Income) to a permanent 70% MFI. Currently, over 93,000 students utilize some form of Washington College Grant funding. By expanding the MFI, you will be expanding post-secondary education opportunities to over 13,000 students across the state.

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