



This has been a busy and exciting week in the “lame duck” session of the House and Senate. Things have moved quickly, and it has been difficult to follow the movement of amendments and legislation. Education has been an active area (although guns, abortion, and other issues have been most heated and active). Lawmakers are set to return to work Dec. 27 and possibly the 28th to override the governor's vetoes and conduct other business. He has already vetoed gun legislation shifting the burden of proof in self-defense cases.

## Happy Holidays!

### HB 58

(Enacted)

#### **CURSIVE HANDWRITING** ([Brenner, A.](#), [Slaby, M.](#))

To require the Department of Education to include supplemental instructional materials in cursive handwriting in the English language arts model curriculum. Signed by the Governor (Signed: December 19, 2018)

### HB 66

#### **TENURED FACULTY** ([Young, R.](#))

To establish the Subcommittee on Standards for Teacher Preparation of the Educator Standards Board, to establish the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee to evaluate each state university's efforts to secure participation in the undergraduate mission by its tenured faculty, and to qualify public and private institutions of higher education as covered entities for cybersecurity program safe harbor and to require schools to notify parents of a student's absence from school. Passed in Senate (32-0 (Amended))

### HB 477

#### **SCHOOL OPERATIONS** ([Koehler, K.](#))

To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools. Informally Passed in Senate



**HB 491**

(Enacted)

**EDUCATION LICENSE (Edwards, J.)**

To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel, to make changes regarding the circumstances in which school treasurers may be held liable for a loss of public funds, to require school districts to adopt a policy for assignments completed in connection with a suspension, to revise school resource officer training course requirements, to permit the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board to temporarily approve certain counselor education programs, and to extend alternative high school graduation pathways through the class of 2020. Signed by the Governor (Signed: December 19, 2018)

**HB 502**

Enacted

**YOUTH SUICIDE (ANIELSKI, M.)**

With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools.

**Signed: December 21, 2018; earlier Delivered to the Governor**