



LUNCH & LEARN

June 16, 2021

Legislative Wrap-Up

Session Stats

Total bills introduced down
by about 100 (886)

NDSBA bills tracking up by
about 30 (171)

Sine Die after midnight 4/30

Saved 4 days

Virtual Participation



Noticeably less foot traffic in the Capitol



Some legislators participated mostly remotely, most using only occasionally.



Legislators report receiving increased amount of written testimony



Will look a little different during the interim

A group of diverse people are sitting in a circle in a meeting room. A large, semi-transparent red rectangle is overlaid on the image, covering most of the scene. The text "Top Issues" and "2021" is centered on this red area. The background shows people engaged in conversation, with some holding laptops or notebooks. The room has large windows in the background, letting in natural light.

Top Issues

2021

Funding/Finance

- **HB 1388**
 - **Per pupil payment increase (1&1)**
 - Small school district size weighting factors
 - Virtual instruction
 - Reading competency licensure
 - Phase-out of transition maximum districts
 - Funding study

- **HB 1013**
 - **DPI and per-pupil appropriation**
 - Requirement to use an amount equal to at least 70% of all new money to increase compensation paid to non-admin personnel

Funding/Finance

- **HB 1027 – Transportation Aid Formula**
- **HB 1015 - \$70 million to CTE for career center initiative grant program**
- **SB 2165 – Removes ending fund balance requirements until July 1, 2023 and removes impact aid from that calculation**
- **HB 1028 – One time building fund transfer**
 - **NDSBA Guidance/Resolution**
 - **Must be done by June 30**

Negotiations & Employment

- SB 2215 – Negotiations timeline; goes into effect August 1, 2021
- HB 1349 – Application confidentiality, meetings and public access by electronic means
- SB 2332 – Special education alternative teacher license, removal of sunset

Calendar, Instructional Time & Curriculum

- HB 1232 – Virtual Instruction
- HB 1478 – “Learn Everywhere”
- SB 2147 – GED Credit
- SB 2196 – Competency Framework
- SB 2304 – Native American curriculum
- HB 1356 – Boyscout Access

School Board Authority & Liability

- **SB 2308 – Ten Commandments**
 - **NDSBA Guidance**
- **HB 1337 – Transfer of property to another political subdivision**
- **SB 2278 – COVID-19 related liability immunity**

Elections & Meetings

- **HB 1253 – Election Administration**
 - **NDSBA Elections Guide**
- **HB 1349 – Electronic meetings**

Children

- **SB 2083 – Institutional child neglect**
 - Legal Spotlight article in July
- **HB 1416 & HB 1466 – Early childhood education and early childhood program grants**

Policy Updates

Virtual Instruction
(HB 1232 & 1388)

Learn
Everywhere
(HB 1478)

GED Credit
(SB 2147)

Weapons at a public
gathering
(HB 1297 & HB 1463)

Boyscouts
(HB 1356)

Religious
Displays
(SB 2308)

- More than 100 bills we were tracking died or were withdrawn

- Vouchers
- Limits on school board taxing authority
- Reductions in and elimination of property taxes
- Transgender athletes
- Partisan elections
- Seclusion and restraint
- Weapons
- PERS
- Patriotism project
- Referral of preliminary budgets
- Immunizations



Bill Graveyard



BUT WHAT ABOUT MASKS?!

- **HB 1323**



What's Next?

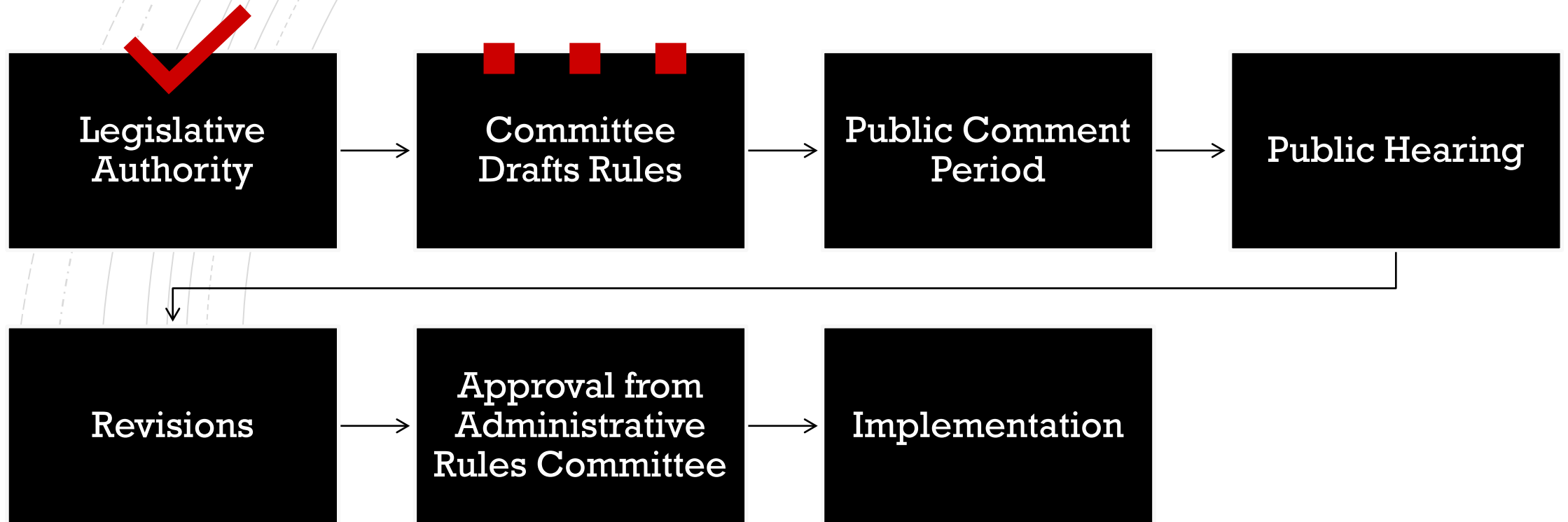
2021-2022 Interim

What's Next?

Administrative Rule Writing

- Learn Everywhere – HB 1478 (Alexis)
- Virtual Learning – HB 1232 & HB 1388 (Amy)
- Dyslexia Specialist Credential – HB 1131 (Amy)
- Reading Curriculum and Teacher Professional Learning – HB 1388 (Alexis)

Rule Writing Process



What's Next?

Interim Studies

- 50 studies selected (NDSBA following 19)
- Can result in legislation, but don't have to
- Proposed bills require reading at two meetings
- Interim information available at <https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/67-2021/session-interim>

Key Studies

- Competency-based learning (waiver review) **HB 1111**
- K-12 funding, including transition minimum reduction **HB 1388**
- Criteria for alternative teacher licensure **SB 2332**
- Compulsory school attendance **HCR 3009**
- Statutes governing CTE including the impact of CTE student transportation **HCR 3035**
- Public Employees Retirement System **HB 1209**
- Juvenile Justice **SB 2258, HB 1306**
- Legislative Redistricting **HB 1397**

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HB 1388, HCR 3035

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What's Next?

Redistricting

- Somewhat based on Census Data
- Late November/Early December
- Could see loss of rural districts

Special Session?

- Federal Funds
- Other policy issues



How do I participate?

2021-2022 Interim, 2023 Session

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