

## MACTE Legislative Update, 1.18.21-1.29.21

Hello MACTE members. This is the first update written by the new team representing each caucus. Sally Baas from Concordia University, Saint Paul; Kyena Cornelius from MSU, Mankato; and Laura Mogelson from the U of M Twin Cities comprise our 2021 working group. Cyndy is reducing her time significantly, focusing primarily on tracking legislative activities and developments. The four of us will be collaborating on these regular legislative updates alongside Rhonda Bonnstetter. We decided to split our work group up by legislative committee. Sally will be following Senate Education Finance and Policy, Kyena will be following House Education Policy, and Laura will be following House Education Finance. We will also watch topics and issues of interest in both the House and Senate Higher Education committees.

### **Senate Education Finance and Policy**

No updates

### **House Education Policy**

The committee's focus is on the [Bill HF217](#) Increase Teachers of Color Act (ITCA) strengthened, teachers of color and American Indian teachers in Minnesota percentage increase sought, reports required, and money appropriated. Paul Spies gave a short presentation on the work of the Coalition and the need for the bill. Yelena Bailey, PELSB Policy Liaison shared data from the Supply and Demand report. Several Teachers of the Year shared their experiences. Students testified before the committee to support the language of "antiracist" be included in the Bill.

### **House Education Finance**

PELSB executive director Alex Liuzzi and education policy director Yelena Bailey gave a short presentation focused on informing members of PELSB's role in the state and previewing data that is included in the 2021 teacher supply and demand report. The full presentation is available [here](#). The committee's main focus the past two weeks has been on COVID-19, including hearings about the Minnesota Safe Learning Plan provided by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Next week on Wednesday, February 3 from 10:30am to 12:00pm the House Education Finance Committee is hearing testimony on ITCA ([Bill HF217](#)). Information regarding providing written testimony can be found on the Coalition's [website](#).

### **Bills to Watch**

Here are some bills of possible interest that we are tracking:

HF 156, Tier 3 Education Partnership Grants

HF 217, TOCAIT bill

HF 281, Teacher Mentorships

HF 288/SF 244, LETRS Grants

HF 309, Teacher Code of Ethics

HF 380, Pilot CTE Preparation Grant

SF 45, Minnesota Reads Task Force

SF 220, Teacher Preparation, Dyslexia

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