

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education 2023 Legislative Session | April 14, 2023

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The legislative session has wound down to its final stretch as the last cutoff has been reached and passed before Sine Die. March 12 was the opposite house cutoff where bills from the opposite chamber must be passed off their respective chamber floors. This week the only committee work taking place is in Ways & Means, Transportation, and Finance. Please see the remainder of the schedule [here](#).

This Week's Bill Highlights:

HB 1044 - Providing capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges.

This piece of legislation passed this session creating a new capital construction and planning grant program for the modernization and replacement of instructional facilities in financially distressed school districts. It also requires a school district to provide a district share equal to 50 percent of its remaining debt capacity for capital purposes, capped at an estimated property tax rate of \$1.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. And finally, the bill makes the prioritized project list of the Small School District Modernization Grant Program the first priority of the Common School Construction Fund after payment of principal and interest for skill center bonds. Starting in 2025-27, no less than \$60 million in new appropriations in the capital budget must be used to fund the small school district prioritized list. This amount increases to \$70 million in 2027-29 and increases to \$80 million in 2029-31 and every biennium thereafter.

SB 5048 - Eliminating college in the high school fees.

Versions of this bill were making their way through the process this year and the legislature ultimately landed on 5048 as the vehicle. The bill requires institutions of higher education to provide enrollment and registration in College in the High School (CHS) courses at no cost to students in grades 9 through 12 at public high schools. It also requires the Legislature to appropriate funds to fund CHS courses, at inflation-adjusted rates and directs high schools that provide CHS courses to include information in the course catalog, and to notify parents and guardians by email and in beginning of the year packets, that there is no fee for students to enroll in CHS courses.

Current Bill Status Report & Upcoming Events

Federal Legislation:

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2023 Session Cutoff Calendar

- **April 23, 2023:** Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

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