

2017 RIFTHP Legislative Agenda

2-16-17

K-12 Education

Continuing Contract – Teacher / Municipal Collective Bargaining

Prohibit changes in wages, hours and working conditions until a successor collective bargaining agreement is reached

S 285 McCaffrey S LAB Introduced 2-15
H √ Vella-Wilkinson

Board of Education Qualifications

Requires that future Board of Education appointees have prior experience as a teachers, school staff or administrator, school committee member ,or experience in higher education

S √ Metts
H 5422 Messier H HEW Introduced 2-8

Survivor Benefit Increase

Increase teacher survivor benefit with minimal / no impact on contribution

H 5071 Amore H FIN Introduced 1-11

Mayoral Academy / MET School Pension Offset

Expand pension offset in charter school / state school funding formula to districts that do not itemize, include all schools (MET) that do not participate in the state pension plan

S 313 Ruggerio S FIN Introduced 2-16
H 5459 O'Brien H FIN Introduced 2-9

Charter School Impact Analysis– Auditor General

Requires the Auditor General, not the Commissioner, to prepare fiscal and programmatic analyses for charter school proposals being considered by the Board of Education

H 5239 O'Grady H FIN Introduced 1-26

Public Employees / Higher Education

Adjunct Faculty Medical Insurance

Permit adjunct faculty to access state employee medical insurance plan

S 151 Miller S HHS Introduced 2-1
H 5367 Jacquard H FIN Introduced 2-3

Other

Direct Service Professional \$15 Minimum Wage

Increases minimum wage to \$15 for workers in Developmental Disabilities agencies funded by BHDDH

S 261	Doyle	S FIN	Introduced 2-15
H 5107	Barros	H FIN	Introduced 1-13

Carried Interest

Increase tax on hedge fund income currently shielded from federal / state income tax that is currently taxed as capital gains, not income

S 259	Satchell	S FIN	Introduced 2-15
H √	Regunberg		

Increase Income Tax Exemption – Public Pensions

Increase income tax exemption for public employee and other pensions above \$15,000

S 27	Felag	S FIN	Introduced 1-18
H 5024	McNamara	H FIN	Introduced 1-6

Comprehensive Community School Statewide Initiative

Requires Commissioner to develop a plan to expand community schools, initiates categorical funding

S √	Doyle		
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Potential Projects

Union Representation of Non-Members

School Construction and Renovation

Adjunct Faculty / Educator Unemployment Insurance Initiative

Pension Investment Transparency