

Minnesota Senate

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Jim Abeler

Andover, Ramsey / R / 35

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Bruce D. Anderson

Buffalo, St. Michael / R / 29

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Thomas M. Bakk

Hermantown, Rice Lake / DFL / 3

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Michelle R. Benson

Ham Lake, East Bethel / R / 31

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Terri E. Bonoff

Minnetonka, Plymouth / DFL / 44

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David M. Brown

Becker, Princeton / R / 15

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Jim Carlson

Eagan, Burnsville / DFL / 51

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Roger C. Chamberlain

Lino Lakes, White Bear Lake / R / 38

×	●	×	×	●	×	●	★	86	58
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Bobby Joe Champion

Minneapolis / DFL / 59

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Greg D. Clausen

Apple Valley / DFL / 57

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Richard Cohen

St. Paul / DFL / 64

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Kevin L. Dahle

Northfield, New Prague / DFL / 20

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Gary H. Dahms

Redwood Falls, Marshall / R / 16

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D. Scott Dibble

Minneapolis / DFL / 61

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Kari Dzedzic

Minneapolis / DFL / 60

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Chris A. Eaton

Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park / DFL / 40

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Kent Eken

Twin Valley, Moorhead / DFL / 4

●	×	●	●	●	×	×	★	44	72
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Michelle L. Fischbach

Paynesville, Sartell / R / 13

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Melisa Franzen

Edina, Bloomington / DFL / 49

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Paul E. Gazelka

Nisswa, Little Falls / R / 9

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Barb Goodwin

Colombia Heights, Fridley / DFL / 41

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Dan D. Hall

Burnsville, Lakeville / R / 56

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David W. Hann

Eden Prairie, Chanhassen / R / 48

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Foung Hawj

St. Paul / DFL / 67

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Jeff Hayden

Minneapolis / DFL / 62

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John A. Hoffman

Champlin, Brooklyn Park, Coon Rapids / DFL / 36

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Karin Housley

St. Mary's Point, Forest Lake, Stillwater / R / 39

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Bill Ingebrigtsen

Alexandria, Fergus Falls / R / 8

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Vicki Jensen

Owatonna, Faribault / DFL / 24

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Alice M. Johnson

Spring Lake Park, Blaine / DFL / 37

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Susan Kent

Woodbury, Maplewood / DFL / 53

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Mary Kiffmeyer

Big Lake, Elk River / R / 30

×	●	×	×	●	×	●	★	71	58
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Lyle Koenen

Clara City, Willmar / DFL / 17

●	×	×	●	×	●	×	☆	14	43
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Ron Latz

St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Golden Valley Plymouth / DFL / 46

●	×	●	●	●	●	×	☆	86	71
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Warren Limmer

Maple Grove, Rogers / R / 34

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Tony Lourey

Kerrick, Cloquet / DFL / 11

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John Marty

Roseville, St. Paul / DFL / 66

●	×	●	●	×	●	×	★	29	72
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James P. Metzen

South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights / DFL / 52

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Jeremy R. Miller

Winona, La Crescent / R / 28

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Carla J. Nelson

Rochester, Stewartville / R / 26

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Scott J. Newman

Hutchinson, Litchfield / R / 18

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Sean R. Nienow

Cambridge, North Branch / R / 32

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Julianne E. Ortman

Chanhassen, Chaska / R / 47

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David J. Osmek

Mound, Orono / R / 33

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Sandra L. Pappas

St. Paul / DFL / 65

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John C. Pederson

St. Cloud, Waite Park / R / 14

●	●	×	×	●	×	●	★	72	72
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Branden Petersen

Andover, Ramsey / R / 35

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Eric R. Pratt

Prior Lake, Shakopee / R / 55

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Roger J. Reinert

Duluth / DFL / 7

●	×	●	●	×	●	×	☆	29	57
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Ann H. Rest

New Hope, Crystal / DFL / 45

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Julie A. Rosen

Vernon Center, Farmont / R / 23

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Carrie Ruud

Breezy Point, Brainerd / R / 10

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Tom Saxhaug

Grand Rapids, Bemidji / DFL / 5

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Bev Scalze

Little Canada, Mounds View / DFL / 42

●	×	●	●	×	●	×	★	29	72
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Matt Schmit

Red Wing, Lake City / DFL / 21

●	×	●	●	●	●	×	★	44	86
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David H. Senjem

Rochester / R / 25

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Kathy Sheran

Mankato, North Mankato / DFL / 19

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Katie Sieben

Newport, Cottage Grove / DFL / 54

×	×	●	●	×	●	×	★	44	58
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Rod Skoe

Clearbrook, Bemidji / DFL / 2

●	×	●	●	●	●	×	★	29	86
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Dan Sparks

Austin, Albert Lee / DFL / 27

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LeRoy A. Stumpf

Plummer, Thief, River Falls / DFL / 1

●	×	●	●	×	○	○	★	15	58
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Dave Thompson

Lakeville, Farmington / R / 58

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David J. Tomassoni

Chishom, Hibbing / DFL / 6

●	×	○	●	×	●	×	★	14	58
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Patricia Torres Ray

Minneapolis, Richfield / DFL / 63

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Bill Weber

Luverne, Worthington / R / 22

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Torrey N. Westrom

Elbow Lake, Morris / R / 12

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Charles W. Wiger

Maplewood, White Bear Lake / DFL / 43

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Melissa H. Wiklund

Bloomington / DFL / 50

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1. Omnibus education policy and finance bill

(HF844, 2015)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Bill passed

The bill aimed to invest \$400 million in new money to increase the basic per pupil formula by 1.5 percent in year one and 2 percent in year two—still below inflation but higher than original requests from the Governor, the House or Senate. The bill also sought to expand early learning programs targeted to low-income families, maintain and repair school buildings, increase Indian education aid and provide increased access to college in the schools. Beyond monetary investments, the bill also sought to make significant policy fixes, like meaningful and long overdue changes to Minnesota’s teacher licensure system to help our schools attract effective, experienced and diverse teachers from other states. It also sought to improve teacher mentorship programs, allow teachers in hard-to-staff schools to receive greater compensation and limit the amount of time students spend on testing. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2015.

Democrats: 34 yes, 5 no;

Republicans: 5 yes, 23 no.

2. Access to early learning for low-income kids

(Sen. Nelson Amendment to HF844, 2015)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Amendment failed

Current law allows the Minnesota Department of Education to cap the number of scholarship recipients served by any one program. Early learning programs that serve kids must be able to determine the number of low-income students they can adequately serve - not the state. Current law would allow the state to cap programs artificially low to deny kids access to certain programs, which is not the intent of the scholarship legislation. Sen. Carla Nelson offered an amendment to the omnibus education policy bill to remove this authority, ensuring high-quality programs are not forced to turn families away. The Senate rejected the amendment on April 28, 2015.

Democrats: 1 yes, 37 no, 1 not voting;

Republicans: 28 yes, 0 no.

3. Transgender access to public school facilities

(Sen. Limmer Amendment to SF1495, 2015)

OPPOSED by MinnCAN; Amendment failed

Sen. Warren Limmer offered an amendment to the omnibus education bill that would prohibit transgender and gender nonconforming students from using public restrooms, locker rooms or any other gender specific public facility that does not match their assigned sex at birth. Students who feel unsafe or excluded in school have higher rates of absenteeism, lower aspirations to attend post-secondary schooling and below average GPAs. Welcoming environments must be the first step toward a great public education for all kids. The Senate rejected the amendment on April 29, 2015.

Democrats: 0 yes, 37 no, 1 not voting;

Republicans: 25 yes, 3 no, 1 not voting.

4. Student expulsion

(Sen. Nienow Amendment to SF2744, 2016)

OPPOSED by MinnCAN; Amendment failed

Sen. Sean Nienow introduced an amendment to the omnibus education bill that would require school districts to expel students who “assault” a teacher. The state of Minnesota defines assault as “an act done with intent to cause fear in another” or “the infliction of or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.” Requiring expulsion based on this broad definition would disproportionately impact students with disabilities and students of color. MinnCAN believes that we can keep students in school while still addressing discipline issues by taking a restorative approach, providing students and families due process and ensuring educators have effective tools and supports. The Senate rejected the amendment on April 27, 2016.

Democrats: 1 yes, 35 no, 3 not voting;

Republicans: 25 yes, 1 no, 2 not voting.

5. Opening the door to out-of-state teachers

(Sen. Rosen Amendment to SF2744, 2016)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Amendment passed

Minnesota schools hire out-of-state teachers to fill teacher shortages, increase teacher diversity and, more generally, hire the candidates best aligned with their school's needs. After ongoing struggles to implement previously passed laws, Sen. Julie Rosen introduced an amendment to the omnibus education bill to bring sharper clarity around out-of-state teacher licensure requirements. Sen. Rosen's amendment requires that a standard Minnesota teaching license be issued to any out-of-state teacher who 1) holds a similar teaching license from another state; 2) passes all required exams; and 3) has at least one year of teaching experience. The Senate passed the amendment on April 27, 2016, and a modified version of the amendment became law.

Democrats: 9 yes, 27 no, 3 not voting;

Republicans: 26 yes, 0 no, 2 not voting.

6. Minnesota Student Survey

(Sen. Nienow Amendment to SF2744, 2016)
OPPOSED by MinnCAN; Amendment failed

The Minnesota Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, and Public Safety conduct the Minnesota Student Survey every three years for students across the state. The survey asks questions about activities, experiences, and behaviors such as tobacco, alcohol and drug use, school climate, physical activity, violence and safety, connections with school and family, general health, sexual health and other topics. The results are used to ensure academic and nonacademic policies are targeted and relevant to Minnesota's student body. This amendment would have required written parental consent before administering the survey, which would significantly reduce response rates and could potentially taint the data, preventing schools from serving kids comprehensively. The Senate rejected the amendment on April 27, 2016, keeping the surveys intact.

Democrats: 2 yes, 34 no, 3 not voting;
Republicans: 25 yes, 0 no, 3 not voting.

7. Public data on the distribution of effective teachers

(Sen. Hann Amendment to SF2744)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Amendment failed

The fair distribution of effective and experienced educators is a lever for advancing equity in our schools. Teachers are the most important in-school factor for student growth and learning, but available data show that ineffective and inexperienced teachers tend to be concentrated in low-income and racially and ethnically diverse schools. We do not know the extent of the problem because the state is not required to provide public information on the number of effective and experienced teachers and where they teach. Sen. David Hann's amendment would have required the state to provide real and public data on where ineffective and inexperienced educators are placed. The Senate rejected the amendment on April 27, 2016.

Democrats: 0 yes, 36 no, 3 not voting;
Republicans: 20 yes, 5 no, 3 not voting.

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Tony Albright

Prior Lake, Jordan / R / 55B

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Susan Allen

Minneapolis / DFL / 62B

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Mark Anderson

Lake Shore, Wadena / R / 09A

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Paul Anderson

Starbuck, Sauk Centre / R / 12B

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Sarah Anderson

Plymouth / R / 44A

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Chad Anderson

Bloomington / R / 50B

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Tom Anzelc

Balsam Township, Grand Rapids / DFL / 05B

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Jon Applebaum

Minnetonka, Plymouth / DFL / 44B

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Joe Atkins

Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights / DFL / 52B

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Jeff Backer

Elbow Lake, White Bear Lake / R / 12A

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Dave Baker

Willmar / R / 17B

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Bob Barrett

Lindstrom, Chisago City / R / 32B

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Peggy Bennett

Wells / R / 27A

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Connie Bernardy

Fridley, New Brighton / DFL / 41A

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David Bly

Northfield, Longsdale / DFL / 20B

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Lyndon Carlson Sr.

New Hope, Crystal / DFL / 45A

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Drew Christensen

Burnsville, Savage / R / 56A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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Karen Clark

Minneapolis / DFL / 62A

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John Considine Jr.

Mankato, Eagle Lake / DFL / 19B

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Tony Cornish

Vernon, Center, St. James / R / 23B

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Brian Daniels

Faribault, Medford / R / 24B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	★	2014 Score	2016 Score
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Kurt Daudt

Crown, Oak Grove / R / 31A

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Greg Davids

Preston, Spring Valley / R / 28B

●	○	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	44	71
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Jim Davnie

Minneapolis / DFL / 63A

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Matt Dean

Dellwood / R / 38B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	89	82
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Raymond Dehn

Minneapolis / DFL / 59B

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Bob Dettmer

Forest Lake, White Bear Lake / R / 39A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	89	82
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David Dill

Crane Lake / DFL / 03A

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Steve Drazkowski

Mazeppa, Pine Island / R / 21B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	☆	93	67
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Rob Ecklund

Crane Lake / DFL / 03A

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Ron Erhardt

Edina / DFL / 49A

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Sondra Erickson

Princeton, Milaca / R / 15A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	93	82
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Dan Fabian

Roseau / R / 01A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	89	82
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Kelly Fenton

Woodbury / R / 53B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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Peter Fischer

Maplewood, White Bear Lake, Mahtomedi / DFL / 43A

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Peggy Flanagan

Golden Valley, Plymouth, St. Louis Park / DFL / 46A

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Mary Franson

Alexandria, Osakis / R / 08B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	78	82
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Mike Freiberg

Golden Valley, Robbinsdale / DFL / 45B

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Pat Garofalo

Farmington / R / 58B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	93	82
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Steve Green

Fosston, Todd / R / 02B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	☆	89	67
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Glenn Gruenhagen

Glencoe, Hutchinson / R / 18B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	93	82
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Bob Gunther

Fairmont, Blue Earth / R / 23A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	67	82
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Tom Hackbarth

Cedar Ham Lake / R / 31B

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Laurie Halverson

Eagan / DFL / 51B

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Rod Hamilton

Mountain Lake, Worthington / R / 22B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	89	82
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Dave Hancock

Baudette / R / 02A

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Rick Hansen

St. Paul / DFL / 52A

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Alice Hausman

St. Paul / DFL / 66A

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Josh Heintzeman

Baxter, Brainerd / R / 10A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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Jerry Hertaus

Greenfield, Orono / R / 33A

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Debra Hilstrom

Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park / DFL / 40B

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Joe Hoppe

Chaska, Victoria / R / 47B

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Frank Hornstein

Minneapolis / DFL / 61A

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Melissa Hortman

Brooklyn Park, Coon Rapids / DFL / 36B

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Jeff Howe

Rockville, St. Joseph / R / 13A

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Jason Isaacson

Shoreview, Roseville / DFL / 42B

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Brian Johnson

Cambridge, Isanti / R / 32A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	89	82
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Clark Johnson

North Mankato, St. Peter / DFL / 19A

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Sheldon Johnson

St. Paul / DFL / 67B

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Phyllis Kahn

Minneapolis / DFL / 60B

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Tim Kelly

Red Wing, Cannon Falls / R / 21A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	89	82
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Debra Kiel

Crookston, Andover / R / 01B

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Jim Knoblach

St. Cloud / R / 14B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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Jon Koznick

Lakeville / R / 58A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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Ron Kresha

Little Falls, Long Prairie / R / 09B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	100	82
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Carolyn Laine

Colombia Heights, New Brighton / DFL / 41B

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Ann Lenczewski

Bloomington / DFL / 50B

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John Lesch

St. Paul / DFL / 66B

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Tina Liebling

Rochester / DFL / 26A

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Ben Lien

Moorhead, Oakport / DFL / 04A

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Leon Lillie

St. Paul / DFL / 43B

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Diane Loeffler

Minneapolis / DFL / 60A

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Kathy Lohmer

Stillwater, Lake Elmo / R / 39B

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Jenifer Loon

Eden Prairie / R / 48B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	93	82
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Bob Loonan

Jackson, Shakopee / R / 55A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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Eric Lucero

Alvertville, St. Michael / R / 30B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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Dale Lueck

Crosby, Luverne / R / 10B

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Tara Mack

Apple Valley / R / 57A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	67	82
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Tim Mahoney

St. Paul / DFL / 67A

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Carlos Mariani

St. Paul / DFL / 65B

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Paul Marquart

Dilworth, Moorhead / DFL / 04B

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Sandra Masin

Eagan, Burnsville / DFL / 51A

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Joe McDonald

Delano, Rockford / R / 29A

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Denny McNamara

Hastings, Cottage Grove / R / 54B

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Carly Melin

Hibbing, Marble / DFL / 06A

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Jason Metsa

Virginia, Eveleth / DFL / 06B

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Tim Miller

Murdock, Benson / R / 17A

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Rena Moran

St. Paul / DFL / 65A

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Joe Mullery

Minneapolis / DFL / 59A

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Erin Murphy

St. Paul / DFL / 64A

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Mary Murphy

Hermantown, Rice Lake / DFL / 03B

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Jim Nash

Mayer, Waconia / R / 47A

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	—	82
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Michael Nelson

Brooklyn Park / DFL / 40A

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Jim Newberger

Becker, Foley / R / 15B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	67	82
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Jerry Newton

Coon Rapids, Spring Lake Park / DFL / 37A

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Bud Nornes

Fergus Falls, Perham / R / 08A

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Kim Norton

Rochester, Cascada / DFL / 25B

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Tim O'Driscoll

Sartell, Sauk Rapids / R / 13B

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Marion O'Neill

Buffalo, Monticello / R / 29B

●	●	●	×	×	●	●	×	●	★	78	82
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Gene Pelowski Jr.

Winona / DFL / 28A

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Joyce Peppin

Rogers, Dayton / R / 34A

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John Persell

Bemidji, Moose Lake / DFL / 05A

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John Petersburg

Waseca, Owatonna / R / 24A

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Roz Peterson

Burnsville / R / 56B

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Nels Pierson

Rochester, Stewartville / R / 26B

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Dave Pinto

St. Paul / DFL / 64B

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Jeanne Poppe

Austin, Lyle / DFL / 27B

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Cindy Pugh

Chanhassen, Shorewood / R / 33B

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Duane Quam

Byron, Kasson / R / 25A

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Jason Rarick

Hinckley Pine City / R / 11B

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Paul Rosenthal

Edina, Bloomington, Minnetonka / DFL / 49B

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Linda Runbeck

Circle Pines / R / 38A

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Tim Sanders

Blaine / R / 37B

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Dan Schoen

St. Paul Park / DFL / 54A

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Joe Schomacker

Luverne / R / 22A

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Jennifer Schultz

Duluth / DFL / 07A

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Peggy Scott

Andover / R / 35B

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Yvonne Selcer

Minnetonka, Eden Prairie / DFL / 48A

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Erik Simonson

Duluth / DFL / 07B

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Linda Slocum

Richfield, Bloomington / DFL / 50A

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Dennis Smith

Maple Grove, Osseo / R / 34B

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Mike Sundin

Esko, Cloquet / DFL / 11A

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Chris Swedzinski

Ghent, Marshall / R / 16A

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Tama Theis

St. Cloud, Waite Park / R / 14A

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Paul Thissen

Minneapolis / DFL / 61B

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Paul Torkelson

Hanska, New Ulm / R / 16B

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Mark Uglem

Champlin, Hutchinson / R / 36A

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Dean Urdahl

Grove City / R / 18A

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Bob Vogel

Belle Plaine, New Prague / R / 20A

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Jean Wagenius

Minneapolis / DFL / 63B

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JoAnn Ward

Woodbury, Maplewood / DFL / 53A

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Abigail Whelan

Coon Rapids, Anoka / R / 35A

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Anna Wills

Apple Valley, Rosemont / R / 57B

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Ryan Winkler

Golden Valley, Plymouth, St. Louis Park / DFL / 46A

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Barb Yarusso

Shoreview, Mounds View / DFL / 42A

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Cheryl Youakim

Hopkins, St. Louis Park / DFL / 46B

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Nick Zerwas

Elk River, Big Lake / R / 30A

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† Reflects partial voting record; did not serve for full biennium

1. Omnibus education bill

(HF2, 2015)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Bill passed

The omnibus education bill, spearheaded by education chairs Jenifer Loon and Sondra Erickson, aimed to streamline licensure for out-of-state and alternatively certified educators. The bill also reinforced existing law that established licensure via portfolio as an alternative method to a teaching license. The bill also sought to eliminate quality-blind, seniority-based layoffs and, instead, required school districts and unions to negotiate local layoff policies based on locally determined criteria. Though some of these provisions were negotiated away in conference committee, such as the changes to layoff laws and community expert approval, the House passed the bill on March 5, 2015.

Democrats: 0 yes, 62 no;

Republicans: 70 yes, 1 no, 1 not voting.

2. Quality-blind layoffs

(Rep. Erickson Amendment to Rep. Mariani Amendment to HF2, 2015)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN, Amendment passed

Rep. Sondra Erickson introduced an amendment to the omnibus education bill that would have required school districts and local unions to negotiate a process for conducting layoffs when necessary. The amendment would have also prevented “bumping,” which allows teachers to replace less senior teachers regardless of subject expertise or teacher effectiveness. Though it was ultimately negotiated away in conference committee, the House passed the amendment on March 5, 2015.

Democrats: 0 yes, 62 no;

Republicans: 69 yes, 0 no, 3 not voting.

3. Out-of-state teacher licensure

(Rep. Erickson Amendment to Rep. Mariani Amendment to HF2, 2015)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Amendment passed

Rep. Erickson introduced an amendment to the omnibus education bill that requires Minnesota's Board of Teaching to write clear rules and qualifications for teachers trained and experienced in other states to earn a standard Minnesota license. Under existing law, the Minnesota Board of Teaching or the Minnesota Department of Education required out-of-state teachers to discuss their qualifications with a Minnesota institution of higher education. Teachers are often instructed to take thousands of dollars worth of redundant and unnecessary coursework. Current practice has turned away several experienced, effective and diverse teachers in a time when Minnesota faces a devastating teacher shortage. This amendment blocked an effort to maintain the status quo and, instead, would shift the responsibility from higher education institutions in determining the qualifications of out-of-state teachers to Minnesota's teacher licensure agencies. The House passed the amendment on March 5, 2015.

Democrats: 0 yes, 62 no;

Republicans: 71 yes, 0 no, 1 not voting.

4. Community expert notifications

(Rep. Yarusso Amendment to HF2, 2015)

OPPOSED by MinnCAN; Amendment passed

Rep. Barb Yarusso introduced an amendment that requires districts send letters to families alerting them that their student's teacher is a community expert. By attaching stigma to the community expert role, this amendment has a chilling effect on schools' ability to recruit educators with deep subject matter expertise for tailored courses, or in critical shortage areas. The House passed the amendment, which eventually became law, on March 5, 2015.

Democrats: 62 yes, 0 no;

Republicans: 71 yes, 0 no, 1 not voting.

5. Principal accountability and effectiveness

(Rep. Slocum Amendment to HF2, 2015)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Amendment failed

Rep. Linda Slocum introduced an amendment to the omnibus education bill that would require districts to discipline principals who do not make adequate progress in their improvement plans and require principal evaluations to include teacher surveys. Discipline includes warnings, termination or any other method a school administrator might deem necessary. In large part, principal effectiveness is based on the growth and proficiency of their students as well as the performance of their school's educators. We at MinnCAN recognize that strong evaluations of school principals also require leaders have the autonomy to improve student outcomes and give educators the opportunity to grow in their profession. The House rejected the amendment on March 5, 2015.

Democrats: 62 yes, 0 no;

Republicans: 0 yes, 71 no, 1 not voting.

6. Community expert approvals

(Rep. Mariani Amendment to HF2, 2015)

OPPOSED by MinnCAN; Amendment failed

Rep. Carlos Mariani introduced an amendment to strike the provision for increased flexibility in HF 2, a bill which attempted to give schools more authority to hire community experts when efforts to recruit a fully-licensed teacher did not result in the right candidates. The bill sought to give schools more flexibility to make these decisions without explicit case-by-case approval from the Board of Teaching; a process which many school leaders find subjective and unpredictable. The House rejected the amendment on March 5, 2015.

Democrats: 62 yes, 0 no;

Republicans: 0 yes, 71 no, 1 not voting.

Ultimately, however, the conference committee did not include this provision of HF 2 in final law.

7. Teacher loan forgiveness grant

(Rep. Loon Amendment to HF2749, 2016)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Amendment passed

This loan forgiveness program offers financial support to educators working in teacher shortage areas. Rep. Jenifer Loon introduced this amendment to the omnibus education bill to increase investment from \$200,000 a year to \$2.2 million a year. The loan forgiveness grants will incentivize teachers to enter the profession and will help fill teacher shortages in hard-to-staff schools. The House passed the amendment, which eventually increased investment in the important program, on April 25, 2016.

Democrats: 58 yes, 0 no, 3 not voting;

Republicans: 73 yes, 0 no.

8. Minnesota Student Survey

(Rep. Ward Amendment to HF2749, 2016)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Amendment failed

The Minnesota Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, and Public Safety conduct the Minnesota Student Survey every three years for students across the state. The survey asks questions about activities, experiences, and behaviors such as tobacco, alcohol and drug use, school climate, physical activity, violence and safety, connections with school and family, general health, sexual health and other topics. The results are used to ensure academic and nonacademic policies are targeted and relevant to Minnesota's student body. The omnibus education bill sought to eliminate the Student Survey, but this amendment attempted to preserve it. Though it was ultimately preserved in conference committee, the House rejected the amendment on April 25, 2016.

Democrats: 52 yes, 6 no, 3 not voting;

Republicans: 0 yes, 73 no.

9. Omnibus education bill

(HF844, 2015)

SUPPORTED by MinnCAN; Bill passed

The bill aimed to invest \$400 million in new money to increase the basic per pupil formula by 1.5 percent in year one and 2 percent in year two—still below inflation but higher than original requests from the Governor, the House or Senate. The bill also sought to expand early learning programs targeted to low-income families, maintain and repair school buildings, increase Indian education aid and provide increased access to college in the schools. Beyond monetary investments, the bill also sought to make significant policy fixes, like meaningful and long overdue changes to Minnesota’s teacher licensure system to help our schools attract effective, experienced and diverse teachers from other states. It also sought to improve teacher mentorship programs, allow teachers in hard-to-staff schools to receive greater compensation and limit the amount of time students spend on testing. The House passed the bill on April 25, 2015.

Democrats: 0 yes, 60 no, 2 not voting;

Republicans: 69 yes, 1 no, 2 not voting.