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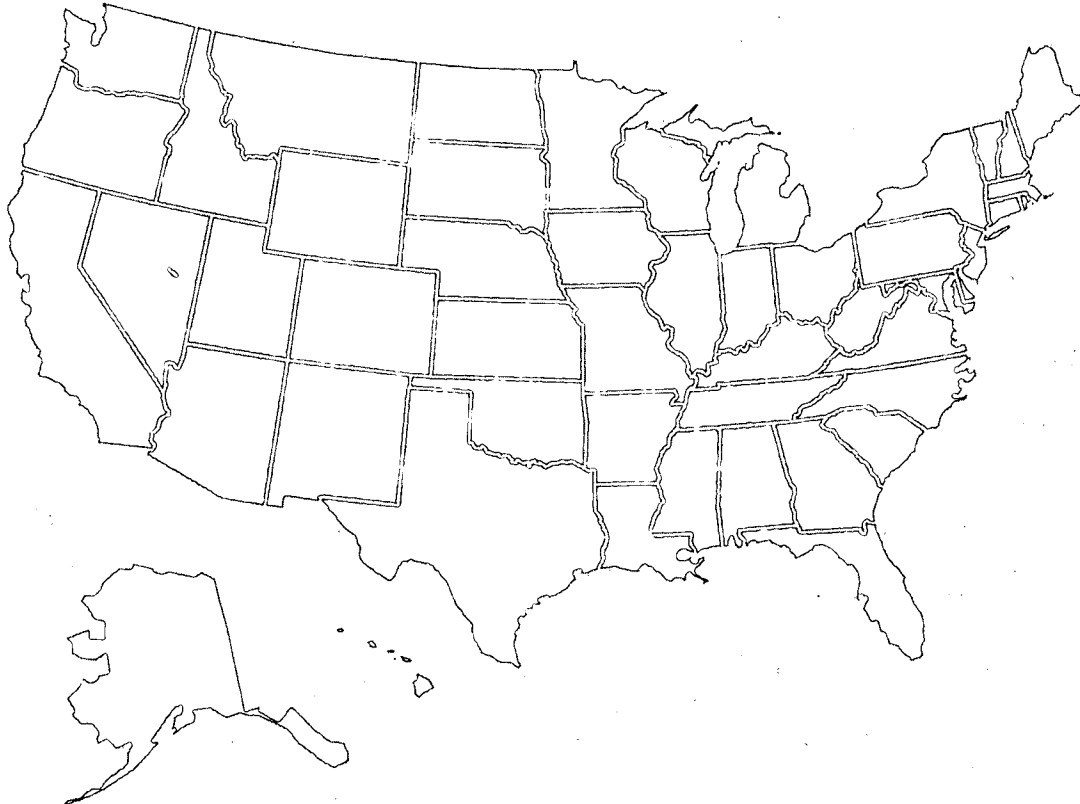
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This document contains raw data on the various issues affecting the pre-K-12 community. The information was collected from Lexis-Nexis, legislative staff, state newsletters, school board/teacher associations, and various media. The issues presented here are in alphabetical order and are divided under three headings: state name, status of the issue, and an issue summary. The issues that are described here are as follows: access, accountability, accreditation, adult learning/continuing education, alternative education, assessment, at-risk, attendance, background checks, bilingual/ESL, character/citizenship, charter schools, child abuse, choice, class size, community colleges, comprehensive school reform, corrections education, curriculum, demographics, deregulation, distance learning, drugs, early childhood, economic development, elementary education, enrollment, extended day programs, faculty, finance, financial aid, gifted and talented, governance, health, home schooling, information management, integrated services, K-16, kindergarten, magnet schools, mathematics, mentoring, middle school, minority issues, parent/family, postsecondary, private schools, privatization, professional development, promotion, reading, religion, remediation, safety, scheduling, school boards, school districts, school to work, secondary education, service learning, sexual harassment, site-based decision making, special education, standards, state boards, state policymaking, student incentives, student records, students, summer-school teachers, technology, textbooks, transfer, tuition, uniforms, unions, urban, vocational education, and vouchers. (RJM)

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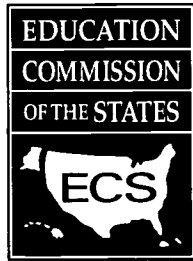
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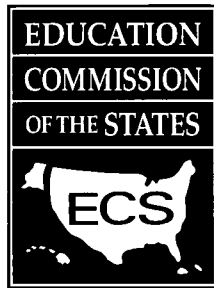
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INTRODUCTION

Most of the items in this *State Issues Report* cover the preK-12 level. They have been collected from Lexis-Nexis, legislative staff, state newsletters, school board/teacher associations and various media. ECS staff have made every attempt to validate all information.

Essentially, the information in this report is raw data — rapidly processed to be released in printed form at the earliest possible date. Editing has been kept to a minimum; many items appear in a form similar to the one in which they were received. Bill descriptions may have been modified since introduction.

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KEY:

Active: Relates to programs, not policy.
 Became Law Without Governor's Signature:
 Died: Not approved by the legislature.
 Passed: Regulation approved by the state board, legislative resolution approved by one or both houses, or ballot initiative approved by voters.
 Proposed: Initiated by governor, legislative body or other entity such as the state board of education, but not enacted.
 Signed by governor: Legislation enacted into law.
 Vetoed: Vetoed by the governor.
 Veto overridden: Governor's veto overridden by legislature.

NOTE: Summaries provided by *StateNet* or *Lexis-Nexis* reflect the content of bills as introduced and may not reflect changes made during the legislative process.

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
ACCESS		
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires public schools and public libraries to prevent minors from gaining access on the Internet to materials considered harmful to minors; defines "harmful to minors" and "public access computer"; requires a public school that provides public access computers to install computer software that would prevent minors from gaining access to harmful material. Title: H.B. 2409 Access to Internet Materials Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ACCOUNTABILITY		
AR	Became law without governor's signature Apr-99	Requests Senate and House Interim Committees on Education and the Educational Standards Commission to conduct thorough review of the recommendations of the Excellence in Arizona Public Education Task Force. Title: S.C.R. 22 Requests a Review of Arizona Task Force Recommendations Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires Division of Legislative Audit to provide copy of every audit report performed on each school district to the clerk in the county in which the school district is located. Requires county clerk to keep copy on file for at least two years. Title: H.B. 2221 Requires Filing of District Audit Reports with County Clerk Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for annual individual school performance reports and for distribution of the reports to all parents or guardians of children enrolled in public schools. Title: S.B. 125 Annual School Performance Reports Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends various sections of the Arkansas Code related to assessment and accountability in the public schools. Title: S.B. 751 Relates to Assessment and Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires charter school to offer, at a minimum, a specified number of minutes of instruction for the appropriate age levels; to maintain written contemporaneous records that document all pupil attendance; and to make these records available for audit and inspection. Requires charter school to certify that its pupils have participated in the state testing programs in the same manner as other pupils attending public schools as a condition of apportionment of state funding. Title: S.B. 434 Charter School Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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CT	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires local school boards to review and revise their promotion policies to ensure they foster student achievement, reduce social promotions and provide help to failing students; uses Mastery Test scores to compile a list of schools that need improvements; requires development of school improvement plans to be monitored by local school boards; provides for grants to priority school districts. Title: H.B. 7043 Promotion Policies and School Improvement Plans Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Revises legislative intent to establish a system accountable for producing graduates with competencies and skills necessary to achieve the state education goals; help students meet standards for academic achievement; maintain safe, secure classroom learning environments; and sustain school improvement and accountability. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
HI	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires director of education to establish comprehensive accountability system, including a student assessment program and school profile which reports student performance measures, school attendance, dropout rates and parental involvement for each school. Title: S.B. 1307 Performance Indicators and Achievement Goals Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Vetoed Jul-98	Establishes temporary commission on educational accountability. Authorizes hiring retired teachers as part-time instructors and charging a deposit fee for textbooks. Requires cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses in Department of Education reports. Establishes a comprehensive student support system. Title: H.B. 2564 Temporary Commission on Educational Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Jun-99	Requires the State Board of Education to make available on its World Wide Web site the report cards on school performance submitted from each school district. Title: H.B. 1812 Requires Board To Publish Report Cards on Web Site Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IN	Signed by governor May-99	Provides that a school may be accredited by meeting the criteria for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for Education rather than under performance-based accreditation; transfers duties of the State Standards Task Force to the Education Roundtable; requires each school and school corporation to develop an improvement plan; provides for creation of a system of recognition and financial awards for schools that demonstrate improvement. Title: H.B. 1750 Accrediting Schools According to Baldrige Criteria Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Concerns the Kansas Commission on Education Restructuring and Accountability. Title: S.B. 32 Commission on Education Restructuring and Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Relates to annual data collection and reporting requirements of the State Department of Education. Title: S.B. 1024 Data Collection and Reporting Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes student assessment standards for student promotion and graduation in the public schools; defines standards for implementing a performance-based accreditation system for individual schools and school districts; requires any school district under a conservatorship to reimburse the State Department of Education for the salary and other actual costs related to the conservator's duties. Title: S.B. 2156 Student Promotion and Accreditation Standards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NC	Signed by governor May-98	Amends the status governing the consequences for principals in schools identified as low-performing under the ABC's plan; requires local school administrative units to develop plans to address the needs of low-performing schools. Title: S.B. 1129 Low-performing Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for the implementation of educational standards and assessment for public schools, the School at the Center Program, a needs study and cost analysis for local system financial reporting, specific certificates and permits that do not require all of the statutory requirements for teacher and administrator certification, and testing of graduating seniors in education degree programs and instructors of education methodology. Schools at the Center Program is created to assure that rural schools meet individual needs and develop skills for students to be effective participants in the civic, cultural, and economic life of their rural community; connect community and school improvement plans that are consistent with state standards; and develop clusters of rural schools to provide community-based education consistent with state and local standards. The assessment and reporting system must be aligned with state standards and implemented beginning with the 1999-2000 school year. Program beginning 9-01-99 and ending 12-31-2001 will use validated tests to determine the knowledge/skills of graduating students and instructors teaching classes in education methodology. Title: L.B. 812 School at the Center Program Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NE	Signed by governor May-99	Sets parameters for one of the state performance indicators. Amends "(c) At least sixty percent of the graduating seniors in the local system have taken a standard college admission test" to include greater detail about the calculation of scores. One of several primary quality factors used as a basis for receiving "quality education incentive payments." Title: L.B. 813 Amends Performance Indicators Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Jun-99	Permits an expedited procedure for the adoption of regulations by the Commissioner of Education in regard to the Abbott districts for the 1999-2000 school year. Title: S.B. 1976 Expediting Adoption of Regulations for Abbott Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Vetoed May-99	Creates the Education Initiatives and Accountability Task Force; provides for membership and duties; makes an appropriation. Title: H.B. 28A Creates Education Initiatives and Accountability Task Force Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to postsecondary education; provides verification function for the commission on higher education; provides for an annual accountability report. Title: S.B. 163 Accountability in Postsecondary Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires annual audit of certain expenditures by certain school districts and performance audit of University and Community College System of Nevada. Title: A.B. 368 Requires Financial and Performance Audits Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to performance reviews of school districts by the comptroller. Title: H.B. 2553 Performance Reviews of School Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to reports on the degree, certificate, or other enrollment status of public junior college students. Title: S.B. 1853 Reports Relating to Junior College Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the financial accountability of school districts. Title: S.B. 875 Financial Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides that each district improvement plan must include measures to improve student performance, including students in special education programs. The Regional Service Centers are directed to maintain a core of services for purchase by school districts and campuses. Those core services are expanded to include assistance specifically designed for schools that are out of compliance with state of federal special education regulations. Title: S.B. 476 Improving Special Education Student Performance Source: <i>"Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Creates a task force on learning standards and accountability in public education; provides for membership; staff, duties and reporting date; appropriates funds from the General Fund; provides a repeal date. Title: H.B. 144 Creates Task Force on Learning Standards and Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that the Board of Education shall include consideration of special school division accomplishments, such as numbers of dual enrollments and students in advanced placement and International Baccalaureate courses, and participation in academic year Governor's Schools. Title: H.B. 2077 Governor's Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to the Education Accountability and Quality Enhancement Act; makes a variety of changes to the statutes governing teacher preparation, evaluation and employment. Title: H.B. 2710 Amends Teacher Preparation, Evaluation, Employment Laws Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WA	Signed by governor May-99	Declares that the accountability system should be based on continuous improvement at all levels of Washington's education system and on a fundamental principle that all students have equitable access to curriculum and instruction that is aligned to the standards; declares that the state's educational system should respect and support local flexibility in the design, financing, and management of schools, including their instructional programs. Title: S.B. 5418 State Accountability System Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ACCOUNTABILITY--INDICATORS/MEASURES		
CA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Institutes a ranking of California's schools, with rewards for schools that improve and interventions in underperforming ones. Creates an Academic Performance Index (API). Title: S.B. 1A Public School Accountability Act of 1999 Source: <i>California Department of Education</i>
CO	Signed by governor Jun-99	Revises the statewide expectations and goals under the quality indicator system for the statewide system of higher education so that the indicators used to measure performance of the institutions match the goals for the higher education system. Title: S.B. 229 Revises Quality Indicator System Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Authorizes student assessment standards for student promotion and graduation in the public schools; defines standards for the implementation of a performance-based accreditation system for individual schools and school districts; requires any school district under a conservatorship to reimburse the State Department of Education for the salary and other actual costs related to the duties of the conservator.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 2156 Student Promotion and Accreditation Standards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
ACCOUNTABILITY—REPORTING		
CA	Signed by governor Apr-99	<p>Institutes a ranking of California's schools, with rewards for schools that improve and interventions in underperforming ones. Creates an Academic Performance Index (API).</p> <p>Title: S.B. 1A Public School Accountability Act of 1999 Source: <i>California Department of Education</i></p>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	<p>Enhances the comprehensive management information system to clarify that the system must be able to collect, via electronic transfer, all student and school performance data and produce a comprehensive annual report on school and district performance. Commissioner must prepare reports that include descriptions of performance of all schools participating in assessment program, including their major student populations. Reports must include the median scores of all students who scored at or in the lowest 25th percentile of the state in the prior year. Beginning with 1998-99 school year, annual report must identify schools as being "A" through "F", as defined by state board of education rule.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 751, 753, 755 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i></p>
IN	Signed by governor Apr-99	<p>Removes the requirement in the law concerning improvement in student achievement in certain cities. Indianapolis public Schools(IPS) must publish an annual performance report. (Current law requires IPS to also publish an annual performance report under a statute that is applicable to all school corporations.). Requires IPS to include certain information in the annual performance report that is not required of other school corporations.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 1197 Performance Report Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
MT	Signed by governor Dec-98	<p>Changes the various annual reporting date requirements from September to the second Monday in September, revised the reporting time requirements of a district superintendent or county high school principal regarding pupil attendance, absence, and enrollment; authorizes trustees to deposit proceeds from insurance settlements on real or personal property insured by the district into an appropriate fund.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 69 Amends Reporting Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	<p>Reduces General Fund appropriation to department to implement a state assessment system. Intent language added to direct that \$220,000 of remaining appropriation in each year of the biennium to be used for reporting system that will result in a statewide report card for primary and secondary education. Report card to include information on student performance, teacher and student attendance, teacher qualifications and salaries, graduate tracking, and demographics. Additional \$80,000 is left in the second year appropriation for incentives and reimbursements for schools that participate in the next National Assessment of Educational Progress. [Governor made some line item reductions that did not affect the above].</p> <p>Title: L.B. 144 Appropriation for Reporting System Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i></p>

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RI	Became law without governor's signature Jun-99	Provides a description of the education program provided to each student suspended for over then (10) consecutive school days in a school year in a report on school discipline presented annually to the general assembly. Title: H.B. 6241 Education Program for Suspended Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to public school campus improvement plans and school district performance reports. Title: S.B. 1724 Campus Improvement Plans and Performance Reports Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides that the annual campus report card will no longer include the pupil/teacher ratio. It will instead list the average class size by grade level and subject. Title: S.B. 576 Listing Average Class Size in Annual Campus Reports Source: <i>"Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i>
ACCOUNTABILITY--REWARDS/SANCTIONS		
AL	Passed Sep-98	Beginning in the 1999-2000 year, students must meet certain grades standards to be in order to be eligible for extracurricular activities, including sports. Students entering grades 10-12 must pass courses, and earn the appropriate number of credits, in 6 subjects, including the four core - English, math, science and social studies. They must also have a minimum numerical composite average of 70. Students entering grades 8 and 9 must pass courses in 5 subjects; all other requirements are the same. Title: State Board Resolution: Sets Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation Source: <i>"Alabama Education News"</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Places school districts with late audits in fiscal distress and refers questionable audits to the State Board of Public Accountancy. Title: S.B. 837 School District Audits Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Institutes a ranking of California's schools, with rewards for schools that improve and interventions in underperforming ones. Creates an Academic Performance Index (API). Title: S.B. 1A Public School Accountability Act of 1999 Source: <i>California Department of Education</i>
CO	Signed by governor Jun-99	Concerns creation of the Excellent Schools Program; specifies criteria for eligibility for school awards. Title: H.B. 1375 Excellent Schools Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Provides that schools designated "D" or "F" receive assistance and intervention. School board must develop 2-year plan of increasing individualized assistance and intervention for each school in danger of not meeting state standards or making adequate progress. Title: H.B. 751,753,755 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires the establishment of a program of distinguished educators to provide technical assistance in schools determined under the accountability system to be in need of corrective action. Title: S.B. 253 Technical Assistance to Low-performing Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NY	Signed by governor Mar-99	Extends the expiration and repeal of statutes which authorizes the Chancellor of the City School District of the City of New York to order the supersession of a Community School Board, or the suspension or removal of such a board or any members thereof. Title: A.B. 7204 Community School Boards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor May-98	Requires school boards to issue diplomas with distinction to students who have met or exceeded certain academic standards. Title: S.B. 1406 Certificates of Distinction Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
SC	Signed by governor Jan-98	Establishes legislative incentives for Future Excellence (Life) Scholarships under which the state shall provide scholarships to cover the cost of attendance up to specified limits to eligible resident students attending accredited public or independent 2-year institutions of higher learning and technical colleges. Allows refundable state individual income tax credit applicable to students graduating from high school on or after May 1997. Title: H.B. 4535 Future Excellence Scholarships Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to assistance to low performing public school districts and provides for the Master Reading Teacher Grant Program; provides for grants to school districts to pay stipends to teachers who are certified master reading teachers. Title: H.B. 2307 Master Reading Teacher Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ACCREDITATION		
IN	Signed by governor May-99	Provides that a school may be accredited by meeting the criteria for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for Education rather than under performance based accreditation; transfers the duties of the state standards task force to the education roundtable; requires each school and school corporation to develop an improvement plan; provides for creation of a system of recognition and financial awards for schools that demonstrate improvement. Title: H.B. 1750 Accrediting Schools According to Baldrige Criteria Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Concerns school district self-evaluation and accreditation. Title: S.B. 37 Evaluation and Accreditation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Repeals exemption for certain postsecondary academic degree-granting institutions from Board of Regents' registration and licensure requirements. Title: H.B. 615 Repeals Exemption from Board of Regents' Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes student assessment standards for student promotion and graduation in the public schools; defines standards for implementing a performance-based accreditation system for individual schools and school districts; requires any school district under a conservatorship to reimburse the State Department of Education for the salary and other actual costs related to the conservator's duties. Title: S.B. 2156 Student Promotion and Accreditation Standards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ADMINISTRATION		
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Requires state board to approve criteria for selecting assistant principals and principals and authorizes districts to contract with private entities for assessment, evaluation and training. Assigns principals responsibility for performance of school personnel and requires them to apply a school board-approved personnel assessment system. Requires state board to adopt rules regarding training of school district management personnel and directs OPPAGA, in consultation with the education department, to conduct a comprehensive review of the Management Training Act to determine its effectiveness and submit recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2000. The Act is repealed effective June 30, 2000. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: "Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Adds administrators to the list of personnel subject to assessment procedure. Adds new criteria to assessment relating to student performance as measured by state and local assessments for subjects and grade levels not included in state assessment program. Strengthens criterion regarding communication with parents by requiring establishment and maintenance of a positive collaborative relationship with students' families to increase student achievement. Provides for students performance to be primary basis for assessment procedure. Employees assigned to "D" or "F" schools who are rated unsatisfactory must be tested and demonstrate their ability to pass an appropriate test of general knowledge, subject area expertise or professional competencies. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: "Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires city and parish (county) school boards to advertise vacancies for positions of local superintendents. Title: H.B. 542 Requirement To Advertise Superintendent Vacancies Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Protects K-12 public school employees from reprisal for reporting improper acts. Title: H.B. 967 Whistleblower Protection Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes the beginning principal Support Program under School Executive Management Institute of the Department of Education; provides for the selection of school districts for participation, standards for mentor principals and beginning principals' participation in the programs, and selection of principals. Title: H.B. 751 Beginning Principal Support Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends the law regarding certification and employment of assistant principals. Title: S.B. 225 Certification and Employment of Assistant Principals Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for three-year contracts for certified school administrators. Title: H.B. 758 Administrator Contracts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor May-99	Revises provisions regarding qualifications of district superintendents. Title: A.B. 576 Qualifications of School Superintendents Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Authorizes school districts and educational service centers to employ under administrative contracts individuals licensed as pupil services employees or administrative specialists or their equivalent who are not school counselors and spend less than 50% of their time teaching or working with students. Title: H.B. 238 Administrative Contracts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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RI	Became law without governor's signature Jul-99	Provides that the city council of Woonsocket set annual salaries for school committee members. Title: S.B. 1069 School Committees and Superintendents Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides a strategic planning process for public and higher education; modifies the duties and powers of the Strategic Planning Committee in relation to its involvement with public and higher education strategic planning. Title: S.B. 114 Strategic Planning Process for Higher Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ADULT LEARNING/CONTINUING EDUCATION		
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Permits eligible community-based organizations to operate certain state-funded adult and community education programs; provides for establishing eligibility criteria and for overall supervision of such programs by the State Department of Education. Title: H.B. 1500 Adult and Community Education Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires every school division in the commonwealth to develop an adult education program; requires Board of Education to coordinate such programs with other state, federal, and local public and private agencies; modifies definition of adult education program by including credit and external diploma programs and defines these terms; requires school divisions, beginning July 1, 2000, annually to evaluate the adult education programs they offer and to report the findings. Title: H.B. 2746 Requires Districts To Develop Adult Education Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Extends expiration date of the Arkansas Pygmalion Commission on Nontraditional Education; removes legislative members from the commissions. Title: H.B. 1966 Extends Expiration of Arkansas Pygmalion Commission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Pertains to alternative learning environments, including school aid, school districts and the Department of Education; requires the Pygmalion Commission to report its findings to the Legislature. Title: S.B. 861 Requires Pygmalion Commission To Report Findings Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requests House and Senate Interim Committee on Education to study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a residential alternative school for at-risk youth. Title: H.C.R. 1009 Study on Establishing Residential Alternative School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Extends the termination date of the In-School Intervention Pilot Program. Title: H.B. 2067 In-School Intervention Pilot Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MI	Signed by governor Feb-99	Allows alternative education for certain pupils; clarifies responsibility for locating and providing for establishment of strict discipline public school academies. Title: H.B. 4241 Establishes Strict Discipline Public School Academies Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Dec-98	Authorizes National Guard to award adult high school diploma to certain graduates in the Youth Challenge Program; relates to diplomas to Youth Challenge Program participants who meet minimum academic requirements for graduation. Title: H.B. 355 Youth Challenge Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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SC	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for system of alternative schools for specified students in grades 6-12; school district to receive certain funding for establishing, maintaining and operating an alternative school either individually or through a cooperative agreement with other districts; repeals section relating to competitive grants to fund such schools. Title: S.B. 727 Funding for Alternative Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires state education commissioner to evaluate annually each district's alternative education program, including student performance on assessments. Title: S.B. 4 Evaluation of Alternative Education Programs (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes alternative middle school program, provides for implementation; makes appropriation. Title: H.B. 329 Establishes an Alternative Middle School Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes a grants program for pilot discretionary programs for disruptive elementary and middle school students who do not qualify for the alternative education programs established; defines disruptive student as one whose behavior interrupts or obstructs the learning environment and results in two or more short-term suspensions or requires repeated intervention by school personnel. Title: H.B. 1248 Pilot Programs for Disruptive Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes school boards to adopt regulations empowering the division superintendent or his or her designee to require certain students to attend alternative education programs; student and parent must get written notice of this, as well as notice of the opportunity to participate in a hearing conducted by the division superintendent or designee regarding such placement. Title: H.B. 2405 Alternative Education Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ASSESSMENT		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Creates the Arkansas Act Assessment Assistance Program to prepare public high school students for postsecondary education; relates to a test of student education development that measures readiness for future learning. Title: H.B. 2024 Arkansas Assessment Assistance Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requests the Senate and House Interim Committees on Education to study impact of changes in requirements regarding the assessment of disabled students. Title: S.C.R. 7 Study on Assessment of Disabled Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Proposed Sep-99	Requires that the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR) scores of limited-English-proficient (LEP) students, who have been enrolled in the district for 12 months or less, be excluded from the class, school and district results of the STAR program. Adds specific requirements for the publisher under contract to provide the STAR test and reports, including, disaggregation of LEP test scores. Title: A.B. 144 STAR Program Scores of LEP Students Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>

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CA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Beginning with class of 2004, requires all students to pass exit exam in language arts and mathematics to earn a high school diploma. Prior to October 2000, state superintendent to develop and field test exam aligned with state's academic content standards for language, which will replace existing local proficiency standards. Beginning in 2000 school year, requires parents to be notified that passing is condition of graduation and of the date and requirements for passing the exam. By end of 2000-2001 school year, students in grade 9 may voluntarily take exam. Beginning 2001-2002 school year, starting in grade 10, students must take exam until they have passed all sections. Districts must provide supplemental instruction to students who do not demonstrate sufficient progress. After the first administration of exam, state board to consider alternative criteria for students considered proficient but who do not pass exam. As of February 2002, first biennial evaluation will be reported, with breakdown by grade, gender and ethnicity. Title: S.B. 2A Exit Exam Requirement Source: "EdSource," May 1999
CA	Signed by governor Oct-98	Requires school districts to offer direct, systematic and intensive supplemental instruction to students in grades 2-9 who have been retained under local board policies as required by A.B. 1626. Districts may provide summer school, after-school, Saturday or intersession instruction to pupils with low math, reading or written-expression scores. Title: A.B. 1639 Supplemental Instruction for Retained Pupils Source: "Sacramento Education Legislative Letter"
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Establishes requirements for design of student assessment program; requires commissioner to direct school districts to participate in administration of National Assessment of Educational Progress. Title: H.B. 751, 753, 755 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: "Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"
IL	Signed by governor Aug-98	Defines "academically based tests" as tests consisting of questions and answers that are objective, measurable and quantifiable to measure the knowledge, skill and ability of students in specified subject matters covered by the test. Title: S.B. 1610 Defines Academically Based Tests Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Concerns the state minimum competency assessment program. Title: S.B. 34 State Minimum Competency Assessment Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for alternative LEAP assessments for special education students. Title: S.B. 251 LEAP Assessments for Special Education Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Reduces General Fund appropriation to department to implement a state assessment system. Adds intent language to direct that \$220,000 of remaining appropriation in each year of the biennium will be used for reporting system that will result in a statewide report card for primary and secondary education. Report card to include information on student performance, teacher and student attendance, teacher qualifications and salaries, graduate tracking and demographics. Additional \$80,000 is left in second-year appropriation for incentives and reimbursements for schools that participate in the next National Assessment of Educational Progress. [Governor made some line-item reductions that did not affect the above]. Title: L.B. 144 Appropriation for Reporting System Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>

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NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	<p>Provides for implementation of education standards and assessment for public schools, the School at the Center Program, a needs study and cost analysis for local system financial reporting, specific certificates and permits that do not require all of the statutory requirements for teacher and administrator certification, and testing of graduating seniors in education degree programs and instructors of education methodology. Creates Schools at the Center Program to assure that rural schools meet individual student needs and help students develop skills to be effective participants in the civic, cultural and economic life of their rural community, connect community and school improvement plans consistent with state standards, and develop clusters of rural schools to provide community-based education consistent with state and local standards. Assessment and reporting system must be aligned with state standards and implemented beginning with the 1999-2000 school year. Program beginning 9-01-99 and ending 12-31-01 will use validated tests to determine the knowledge/skills of graduating students and instructors teaching classes in education methodology.</p> <p>Title: L.B. 812 School at the Center Program Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i></p>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	<p>Relates to standards-based assessments.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 624 Standards-based Assessments Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Requires state board to prescribe examinations that measure proficiency in standards; exams to be given in grades 3 and 5 (English and math) beginning in spring 2001. Extends to 1-15-2000 the date by which Council to Establish Academic Standards must adopt second phase of standards (social studies, health/physical education, computer education, arts). Spells out schedule for phasing new standards into high school proficiency exam.</p> <p>Provides assistance to pupils who have not passed new, more challenging high school proficiency examination in math. Allows pupils who enroll in intensive, remedial education or tutoring programs during summer 1999 to retake the test in one or both of two special administrations in summer 1999. Allows pupils who have met all requirements for a standard diploma except for passing the exam to participate in graduation ceremonies and be awarded a certificate of attendance, which will be replaced by standard diploma once they pass the exam. Creates temporary task force to review contents of the exam, review methods by which results are reported to schools and parents, and determine whether another method of reporting might be more helpful.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 466 Requires Standards-based Assessments Source: <i>Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau</i></p>
OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Exempts limited-English-proficient (LEP) students from participating in the state proficiency assessment for two years.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 282 Exemptions for LEP Students (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
SC	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Requires that school districts administer norm-referenced tests or standards-based assessments; provides for reporting of results.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 632 Requires Districts to Administer Assessments Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Relates to the age at which a student may take the high school equivalency examinations and the age of compulsory attendance in public schools.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 1472 Age Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>

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UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for annual criterion-referenced achievement testing of students in all grade levels and norm-referenced testing of students in grades 3, 5, 8 and 10; modifies definitions; requires State Board of Education to develop assessment mechanisms for determining demonstrated competency in courses required for high school graduation; provides for external evaluation of core curriculum content standards, objectives and assessments. Title: H.B. 33 Requires Assessments Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires Board of Education to contract, when funds are appropriated for this purpose, for development or purchase of interactive educational software designed as tutorials to improve achievement on Standards of Learning assessments. Title: H.B. 2480 Requires Board To Use Software To Improve Achievement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AT-RISK		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Continues the unwed birth and teenage pregnancy prevention program. Title: S.B. 787 Pregnancy Prevention Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Adopts new graduation and cohort graduation rates and study, which may include a five-year as well as four-year rate. Beginning with 2001-2002 school year, bases school's performance grade category designation on performance data that includes the cohort graduation rate. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Requires school improvement plans to include specific safety and discipline strategies. Requires dropout prevention programs to employ diagnostic and assessment procedures and educational program to provide character and law education, along with curricula and related services. Expands dropout prevention programs to include eligible students in grades 1-3. Requires education department to provide one-year startup grants for districts seeking partnerships with private nonprofit or for-profit providers or public entities to start second-chance schools. Requires students seeking to reenter traditional schools to complete a character education program and demonstrate preparedness to reenter rather than have an evaluation by district personnel. Prohibits child from being labeled as potential dropout simply by being from a single-parent family. Requires notification of parent prior to placement of student in academic intervention program. Requires principals to ensure accuracy and timeliness of all school reports and provide staff training opportunities. Makes principals who fail ineligible for performance pay incentives. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Extends termination date of the In-School Intervention Pilot Program. Title: H.B. 2067 In-school Intervention Pilot Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires approved private schools and other approved programs to notify public schools of the enrollment of students who leave public school in grades 7-12. Title: S.B. 252 Requires Notification of Student Withdrawal from Public School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to provision of private community-based dropout recovery education programs to provide alternative education programs for students at risk of dropping out of school. Title: S.B. 1784 Private Community-based Alternative Education Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the administration of certain programs for at-risk children and their families; provides for implementing and managing programs designed to provide early intervention or prevent at-risk behaviors that lead to child abuse, delinquency, running away, truancy and dropping out of school. Title: S.B. 1574 Administration of At-risk Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires licensed school personnel who have reason to believe that a student is considering suicide to immediately contact at least one parent to ask whether he or she is aware of the student's mental state and whether she wishes to or already has obtained counseling for the student; provides for no parental contact if the student indicates parental abuse as the reason for contemplating suicide. Title: S.B. 1250 Requires Parental Notification of Suicide Risk Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ATTENDANCE		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Creates community truancy boards. Title: S.B. 913 Community Truancy Boards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends Arkansas Code 6-18-203 to permit children of employees of nonresident school districts to attend school in the district where the parent is employed. Title: H.B. 2049 Permits Children to Attend Parent-employee's School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Changes cutoff date for compulsory attendance from September 1 to September 15 (ages 5-17). Allows parents to elect not to send child to kindergarten if child is not age 6 on September 15 (changed from 5). Title: H.B. 1197 Compulsory School Attendance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Jan-99	Creates parental responsibility for providing a false address in order to enroll a child in an unauthorized public school district. Title: H.B. 1207 Parental Responsibility for Providing False Address Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Holds superintendents responsible for enforcing attendance, including recommendations to the school board. Board policies must require absences to have parental justification and provide for tracking absences and contacting parents. Revises court procedures and penalties for habitual truancy cases and allows superintendent to file Children-in-Need-of-Services petition for a habitual truant. Revises definition of habitual truant and provides for truancy petition, prosecution and disposition. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Creates truancy assessment and service center pilot programs in certain parishes (counties). Title: S.B. 1008 Creates Pilot Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires approved private schools and other programs to notify public schools of the enrollment of students who leave public school in grades 7-12. Title: S.B. 252 Requires Notification of Student Withdrawal from Public School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ME	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes the Commission To Study Children in Need of Services; requires the commission to review truancy problems, children who run away from their homes, emancipation of children and other factors that cause children to need services; requires commission to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 1999. Title: S.B. 643 Establishes Commission To Study Children in Need of Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor May-99	Permits districts superintendent to meet with parents or guardian of a truant student and explain the benefits of attending alternative education programs as well as school. Allows superintendent, instead of school board, to notify the local law enforcement department that a student has been declared habitually truant, thus enabling a police officer to transport the student. Title: H.B. 1211 Authority of Superintendent Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MN	Signed by governor May-99	Extends juvenile court jurisdiction over children who are habitual truants. Title: S.B. 1180 Juvenile Court Jurisdiction over Truants Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends Sec. 70-201 to require every person with legal or actual control of a child younger than 7 and enrolled in any public school to be subject to the truancy provisions in Sections 79-201 to 79-210. Previous law stated that a child less than 7 or more than 16 was not compelled to attend school. Requires school boards to adopt policies that allow discontinuation of enrollment for students younger than 7. Title: L.B. 152 Broadens Parental Responsibility Under Truancy Laws Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
OH	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires a child under the age of 6 who attends kindergarten to be considered of compulsory school age. Title: H.B. 281 Kindergarten Compulsory School Age Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to fines collected for thwarting the compulsory school attendance law. Title: H.B. 1961 Fines for Violating Compulsory School Attendance Law Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the age at which a student may take the high school equivalency examinations and the age of compulsory attendance in public schools. Title: S.B. 1472 Age Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Clarifies the compulsory education requirements and makes technical corrections. Title: H.B. 85 Clarifies Compulsory Education Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Allows intake officers to proceed on a complaint that a child needs services or supervision; requires attendance officers to obtain an explanation for absences and principals to ensure contact between parent and attendance officer; requires conference to resolve nonattendance; empowers officer to enforce provisions by instituting proceedings against the parent; prohibits failure of student for nonattendance without conference. Title: H.B. 1817 Truancy Provisions Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Clarifies that no person who meets the various residency criteria may be charged tuition for admission to public schools, whether on a full- or part-time basis; includes enrollment of public and nonpublic school students in Governor's Schools, as well as part-time enrollment of nonpublic school students in other public schools. Title: S.B. 1284 Clarifies Residency Criteria and Tuition Charges Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes local school boards to waive compulsory attendance requirements; provides that home-schooled students need not have three consecutive years of home instruction to be eligible to take the GED test; combines and reorganizes sections addressing compulsory school attendance; contains technical amendments. Title: H.B. 2384 Authorizes Waivers of Attendance Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes Community-Based Program for Suspended and Expelled Students to provide interim instructional programs, intervention and supervision for students in public schools who have been suspended, excluded or expelled from regular school attendance. Title: S.B. 1128 Program for Suspended and Expelled Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Strikes the requirement that local school boards verify as a condition of school admission, the citizenship of students for whom English is the second language who enter public school in Virginia for the first time after reaching their 12 th birthday. Title: S.B. 559 Citizenship as a Condition of School Admission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Authorizes law enforcement and attendance officers who pick up a child for truancy to deliver the child to a truancy center, defined as a facility or site operated by a school division, sometimes jointly with the law enforcement agency, and designated for receiving or placing children retrieved by a law enforcement office or attendance office for truancy from school. Title: H.B. 2698 Authorizes Law Enforcement to Transfer Truant Children Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
BACKGROUND CHECKS		
ID	Signed by governor Feb-99	Amends existing law to provide that a substitute teacher who has undergone a criminal history check at the request of one school district within the previous three years will not be required to undergo another criminal history check if employed in another district. If the district that next employs the teacher elects to have a criminal history check within the three-year period, the district is required to pay the costs of the check or reimburse the teacher for costs. Title: H.B. 271 Criminal History Check for Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Authorizes State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish certain procedures for state education department to request and obtain criminal history background information on applicants for or recipients of any certificate or license issued by the department or board in accordance with state law or board policy. Title: H.B. 2213 Criminal History Checks for Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Authorizes university and college police officers to conduct criminal background checks on prospective employees using information obtained from the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information. Title: H.B. 1041 Authorizes Criminal Background Checks Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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OK	Signed by governor Jun-98	Adds conviction of any sex offense subject to the Sex Offenders Registration Act to the list of reasons for which a district employee may be dismissed. Makes it unlawful for any person or business offering services on school premises knowingly to allow any such person registered to work on the premises. Title: S.B. 1394 Adds Sex Offenses to Reasons for Dismissal Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division of the Department of Public Safety to maintain separate file of fingerprints submitted for criminal background check on school personnel and notify state education office when new entry is made against a person whose fingerprints are on file; modifies requirements as to who pays for a background check; provides State Office of Education with access to child and family services records and reports, and juvenile court records for the purpose of evaluating whether an individual should be permitted to obtain or retain an educator's license or serve as an employee or volunteer in a school. Title: H.B. 364 Background Checks for School Personnel Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VT	Signed by governor Sep-98	Requires criminal background checks of all public and private school employees, contractors and their employees as of January 1, 1999. Grandfathers in persons employed at date of passage. Title: H.B. 475 Requires Criminal Background Checks of School Employees Source: <i>Vermont Department of Education</i>
BILINGUAL/ESL		
CA	Proposed Sep-99	Requires schools to notify parents of their rights under Proposition 227 and requires schools to identify English-learner academic needs when they transition these students to a regular English-speaking classroom. Requires districts to provide any supplemental language or academic support necessary for success. Requires that school development plans identify strategies for ensuring there are a sufficient number of teachers trained to teach English learners in the school. Title: A.B. 1026 Requirements Related to Proposition 227 Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
CA	Proposed Sep-99	Requires State Department of Education to develop procedures for school districts to assess the English language fluency of English-learner students upon enrollment and annually thereafter, until they are reclassified as fluent in English. Requires State Department of Education to develop a procedure and criteria for reclassification to fluent in English. Title: S.B. 638 Procedures for Assessing English Fluency Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
CA	Proposed Sep-99	Requires that the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR) scores of limited-English-proficient students (LEP), who have been enrolled in the district for 12 months or less, be excluded from the class, school and district results of the STAR program. Adds specific requirements for the publisher under contract to provide the STAR test and reports, including disaggregation of LEP test scores. Title: A.B. 144 STAR Program Scores of LEP Students Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
CA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires a long-term evaluation of programs for English learners enacted subsequent to passage of Proposition 227. The evaluation will provide the state and local education agencies with information on programs successful in teaching English learners English and the curriculum. Title: A.B. 1116 Requires Evaluation of Programs for English Learners Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>

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OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Exempts limited-English-proficient (LEP) students from participating in the state proficiency assessment for two years. Title: H.B. 282 Exemptions for LEP Students (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CHARACTER/CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION		
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Requires school improvement plans to include specific safety and discipline strategies. Requires dropout prevention programs to employ diagnostic and assessment procedures and educational program to provide character and law education, along with curricula and related services. Expands dropout prevention programs to include eligible students in grades 1-3. Department will provide one-year startup grants for districts seeking partnerships with private nonprofit or for-profit providers or public entities to start second-chance schools. Requires students seeking to reenter traditional schools to complete character education program and demonstrate preparedness to reenter rather than have evaluation by district personnel. Adds provision that child cannot be labeled as potential dropout by being from single-parent family. Requires notification of parent prior to placing student in academic intervention program. Requires principals to ensure accuracy and timeliness of all school reports and provide staff training opportunities in addition to other duties. Makes principals who fail ineligible for performance pay incentives. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires instruction relating to the U.S. flag in the 5th grade as part of the social studies curriculum. Title: S.B. 790 Requires Instruction Relating to U.S. Flag Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes local school districts to develop and implement a comprehensive K-12 program for character education; requires the State Board of Education to review proposed character education program. Title: S.B. 2121 Authorizes Character Education Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CHARTER SCHOOLS		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Authorizes school districts to finance facilities to share under a compact for charter schools, alternative education programs secondary area vocational centers and community-based education. Title: S.B. 788 Authorizes Districts To Finance Facilities To Share Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Allows charter schools to refuse admission to pupil been expelled or being expelled from another school. Title: H.B. 2293 Charter School Admissions Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires charter school to offer, at a minimum, a specified number of minutes of instruction for the appropriate age levels and to maintain written contemporaneous records that document all pupil attendance and to make these records available for audit and inspection. Requires a charter school to certify that its pupils have participated in the state testing programs in the same manner as other pupils attending public schools as a condition of apportionment of state funding. Title: S.B. 434 Charter School Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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CO	Signed by governor Jun-99	Authorizes charter schools to create and operate online programs either by itself or in conjunction with other charter schools, districts or boards of cooperative services; defines online program; requires that creation and operation of online program by charter school shall be pursuant to all requirements under the charter school act. Title: S.B. 52 Authorizes Charter Schools to Operate On-line Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CO	Died Apr-99	Creates state charter school district, the boundaries of which shall be coterminous with state boundaries. Identifies State Board of Education as the state charter school district board. Specifies that the state charter school district shall include only charter schools approved by the state board, in its capacity as the state charter school board; specifies the charter board's duties and powers. Specifies the requirements and procedures for obtaining approval of a state charter school, comparable to existing requirements and procedures for charter schools. Directs that each charter school shall annually receive state funding in the amount of state average per-pupil revenues multiplied by enrollment for the state charter school. Title: S.B. 100 Charter Schools Creates State Charter School District Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CO	Signed by governor Mar-99	Allows the school district to retain up to 5% of district per-pupil revenues in payment for the charter school's share of central administrative overhead costs; defines "district per-pupil revenues" as the district's total program for any budget year, divided by the district's funded pupil count for that budget year. Specifies that the charter school may contract with the school district to purchase support services in addition to those included in central administrative overhead. Title: H.B. 1113 Charter School Revenue Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes changes in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program and in laws governing state and local charter schools, lighthouse schools and interdistrict magnet schools; provides for funding for school transportation for these schools. Title: H.B. 6950 Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Signed by governor Jun-97	Section 1. (New) Requires each local and regional board of education to provide an opportunity for regional vocational-technical schools, regional vocational agricultural centers, interdistrict magnet schools, charter schools and interdistrict student attendance programs to recruit students, provided such recruitment is not for the purpose of interscholastic athletic competition (Public Act No. 97-39). Title: S.B. 1033 Recruitment of Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Clarifies certain provisions in law regarding charter schools; provides for compliance with special education provisions; clarifies language in regard to student admissions; clarifies "90 days" to "90 working days" in language regarding the review of charter applications by the Department of Education. Title: S.B. 100 Clarifies Charter School Provisions Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Revises date through which district school board must receive charter school applications; authorizes charter schools to be sponsored by municipalities or other public entities; prohibits charter schools from hiring certain persons who have resigned or been dismissed for good cause; requires school districts to report numbers of students attending various types of public schools according to State Board of Education rules. Title: H.B. 2147 Charter School Administration Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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FL	Died Apr-99	Provides date for district school boards to receive charter school applications; provides for Charter School Review Panel; authorizes municipal-sponsored charter schools to give enrollment preference to students residing within limits of sponsoring municipality; prohibits charter school from hiring certain persons who have resigned or dismissed for good cause. Title: S.B. 2434 Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Signed by governor May-99	Increases flexibility and autonomy in public schools designated as "new century" charter schools. Allows up to a maximum of 25 schools, either existing or a new school comprised of programs from existing schools, to be established as a new century charter school. Requires plan for identifying, recruiting and selecting students to ensure that student participation is not exclusive, elitist or segregationist. Requires open public meetings and requires plan for assessing student performance that is accountable to the general public. Requires facilities management plan to be consistent with state facilities plan. Requires plan to hold the school, its faculty and staff accountable in an equivalent manner as other public schools. Requires governor, superintendent and Board of Education to issue charter to the new century charter school provided the implementation plan, which will be converted to a written performance contract between the school and the Board of Education. Requires Legislative Auditor to determine the general fund allocation based on the total department general fund appropriation and per-pupil expenditure in the previous year. Provides for state subsidy or allotment to augment the per-pupil allocation for small schools. Requires annual self-evaluations and independent evaluations of each school every four years. Title: S.B. 1501 Requirements for New Century Charter Schools Source: <i>Hawaii Governor's Office</i>
HI	Signed by governor Jul-98	Adds two new sections on a mandate for the support and administrative supervision of student-centered schools; clarifies legal responsibility and liability of board of education, clarifies the funding formula and delays review of schools. Title: H.B. 2680 Student-centered Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Clarifies provisions of public charter school law relating to accreditation status, exemption from payment of sales and use tax, qualifications of students for attendance at charter alternative school, date on which unused charter school allotments are available for random assignment, computing per-student financial support, provisions of state rules from which there is no exemption and review of petitions by the State Department of Education. Title: H.B. 310 Clarifies Public Charter School Law Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends existing law to allow students attending a public charter school to participate in public school programs under the dual enrollment provisions of law. Title: H.B. 186 Participation in Public School Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides that when the maximum number of charter schools for a region has been reached, the number of charter schools authorized to operate at any one time in that region shall be increased by 15, with further increases when the new maximum numbers have been reached but with no more than 15 new charter schools authorized per region, per year. Title: S.B. 648 Regulates Number of Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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IL	Signed by governor May-99	Removes required report projecting secondary special education exit numbers; changes computation for reimbursement for gifted children and transportation so valuation for school district is computed in same manner as for apportionment of general state financial aid. Provides charter schools maintain accurate attendance records if chartered by State Board sufficient to file claims under provisions concerning the basis for apportionment of general state aid. Title: S.B. 291 Charter School Finance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Feb-99	Provides that a certified individual employed by a charter school in an instructional position must hold an Initial or Standard Teaching Certificate. Title: H.B. 882 Requires Teacher Certification in Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Aug-98	Provides that local school board is not responsible for the repayment of the loan to a charter school for start-up costs. Title: H.B. 2844 Charter School Finance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IN	Died Jun-99	Allows a sponsor to issue a charter to an organizer to establish a charter school; provides that a decision concerning establishment of a charter school may not be restrained by a collective bargaining agreement; requires that 100% of teachers in a charter school to hold a license to teach in a public school; requires a nonlicensed individual hired to teach in a chartered school possess certain qualifications. Title: S.B. 481 Charter School Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Authorizes an existing school with a special mission to become a charter school without altering its mission. Title: S.B. 170 Existing Schools Becoming Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for part-time students and associated funding; for attendance by students outside the parish (county); for new charter schools to get five years of facility funding. Title: S.B. 546 Charter School Finance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Amends the Charter School Demonstration Programs Law; provides purposes, definitions, local school board duties, chartering process, charter terms and operations, charter renewal length, pupil admission requirements, charter contents, charter school employees, assets, property and funding; provides for the application of certain laws; provides relative to charter school loans. Title: S.B. 554 Revisions to Charter School Law Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor May-99	Amends law regarding charter school demonstration programs; provides for the purpose of the charter school law and provides definition of a type 2 charter school; provides for duties of local school boards and conversions of preexisting public schools; repeals certain provisions relating to proposals for a type 3 charter school. Title: H.B. 2014 Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Died Apr-99	Authorizes county boards of education to be chartering authorities for public charter schools in the state; establishes procedures for establishing public charter schools; requires State Board of Education to report to General Assembly on progress of public charter schools. Title: H.B. 116 Authorizes County Boards as Chartering Authorities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NC	Signed by governor Apr-99	Implements a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to direct the State Board of Education to extend its review and evaluation of charter schools. Title: H.B. 216 Directs State Board To Extend Review of Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Amends warrant article provision for approval of a charter school to include language authorizing voters to raise and appropriate funds necessary to ratify the charter school contract; requires fiscal audits to be performed by an independent certified public accountant; clarifies duty of the local school boards in evaluating the initial charter school application; extends time for charter school to begin operations. Title: S.B. 152 Approval of Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Enacts the 1999 Charter School Act; provides for the establishment and operation of charter schools. Title: S.B. 192 1999 Charter Schools Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes pilot program for the creation of Charter School Districts. Title: H.B. 458 Establishes a Charter School District Pilot Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Revises provisions governing charter schools and makes various changes to public education. Title: A.B. 348 Revises Charter School Laws Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Signed by governor Dec-98	Enacts the New York Charter Schools Act of 1998; establishes the Charter School Stimulus Fund. Title: S.B. 7881 Charter Schools Act of 1998 Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Changes various aspects of the Ohio charter school ("community school") legislation. Title: H.B. 282 Revises Charter School Law Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Signed by governor May-99	Establishes process for creation of public charter schools; allows public charter school to be created from existing public school; prohibits conversion of private schools; requires approval of school board in which charter school is to be located or of State Board of Education; requires annual review of charter school, including annual audit; allows sponsor to terminate charter. Title: S.B. 100 Establishes Process to Create Public Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes establishment of regional charter schools, i.e., joint with two or more participating school boards; provides that the school boards operating the regional charter school shall determine the school division to which the regional school will be attributed for purposes of any restrictions on the number of charter schools. Title: H.B. 1577 Establishes Regional Charter Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CHILD ABUSE		
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Relates to child abuse prevention training in district school system. Title: S.B. 1666 Child Abuse Prevention Training Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ME	Signed by governor Jun-99	Eliminates the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution for unlawful sexual contact or sexual abuse of minors if the victim was under age 16, or 18 if the perpetrator was a school employee. Title: H.B. 1412 Eliminates Statute of Limitations for Sexual Offenses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CHOICE		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requests the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to address concerns regarding accountability standards for programs in which students are allowed to concurrently enroll an high school and college or university. Title: S.C.R. 20 Accountability Standards for Dual Enrollment Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Allows school districts to enter into agreements allowing students to transfer to another school district to attend summer school. Title: S.B. 797 Authorizes Student Transfers for Summer School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes changes in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program and in laws governing state and local charter schools, lighthouse schools and interdistrict magnet schools; provides for funding for school transportation for these schools. Title: H.B. 6950 Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Signed by governor Jun-97	Section 1. (New) Requires each local and regional board of education to provide opportunity for regional vocational-technical schools, regional vocational agricultural centers, interdistrict magnet schools, charter schools and interdistrict student attendance programs to recruit students, provided such recruitment is not for the purpose of interscholastic athletic competition. (Public Act No. 97-39) Title: S.B. 1033 Recruitment of Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for part-time students and associated funding, for attendance by students outside the parish (county) and for new charter schools to get five years of facility funding. Title: S.B. 546 Charter School Finance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires students who wish to enroll in a college course through the Postsecondary Enrollment Options program to have earned at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent) in high school courses in the same subject area as that college course. Title: H.B. 282 Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires Department of Education to inform school districts and public of public school choice options. Title: H.B. 3186 Informing Public of Choice Options Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Jan-99	Repeals certain provisions related to public school open enrollment procedures and tuition. Title: H.B. 1075 Repeals Certain Provisions on Open Enrollment Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VT	Proposed Mar-99	Establishes regional school choice for public school students in grades 9-12 for five years; studies results of choice for the purpose of expanding it in the future. Title: S.B. 203 Establishes Regional School Choice Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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CHOICE--OPEN ENROLLMENT		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Repeals the provision stating that a student who transfers to a nonresident district in grades 9-12 shall not be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition for one year from the beginning of transfer. Title: H.B. 2200 Eligibility for Interscholastic Competition Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CLASS SIZE		
CA	Vetoed Nov-98	Provides flexibility for very small districts that lack budgetary or programmatic flexibility to participate in class-size reduction programs. Title: A.B. 2224 Class-Size Reduction Programs for Small Districts Source: <i>"EDCAL"</i>
DE	Signed by governor Jul-98	Reduces class sizes in core academic subjects. Title: H.B. 758 Reduces Class Size Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes Iowa early-intervention block grant program; provides goal of class reduction; provides direction and resources for success, especially in reading, including enabling parents to improve their child's reading; includes phonemic awareness training; provides for accountability; requires technology plan; provides for school improvement technology block grant program; makes appropriations. Title: H.B. 743 Establishes Early-Intervention Block Grant Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Mar-99	Creates K-3 Class-Size Reduction Grant Program to be implemented and administered by the State Board of Education for school districts that maintain grades K-3 and have an average class size of at least 23 pupils for any of those grades. Title: H.B. 1269 K-3 Class-Size Reduction Grants Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Jan-99	Creates K-5 Class-Size Reduction Grant Program to be implemented and administered by the State Board of Education for school districts that maintain grades K-5, have an average class size of at least 23 pupils for any of those grades, and agree to reduce the size of each classroom by at least five pupils, but not to fewer than 18 pupils. Title: H.B. 17 Creates K-5 Class-Size Reduction Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Renames the fund for class-size reduction the fund for school improvement; makes appropriations to the state distributive school account for reducing class sizes; makes supplemental appropriations to the fund for class-size reduction to cover certain shortfalls in revenue. Title: A.B. 700 Appropriates Funds for Class-Size Reduction Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Apr-99	Makes supplemental appropriation to the fund for class-size reduction for additional anticipated expenses. Title: S.B. 278 Supplemental Appropriation for Class-Size Reduction Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Lowers from 25:1 to 24:1 the divisionwide maximum ratios of students to full-time equivalent teaching positions, excluding special education teachers, principals, assistant principals, counselors and librarians, in kindergarten and grades 2 and 3. Provides that if the average daily membership in any kindergarten class exceeds 24 pupils, a full-time teacher's aide will be assigned to the class. Title: H.B. 1673 Reduces Class Size Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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COMMUNITY COLLEGES		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Clarifies that boards of two-year colleges have the statutory authority to set tuition and fees. Title: H.B. 2163 Authorizes Boards To Set Tuition and Fees Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor May-99	Creates the College of Southern Maryland as a successor to the Charles County Community College; creates Board of Trustees for the governance of the new college; provides for membership and specifies powers and duties of that board; specifies duties of the president and provides for a budget. Title: H.B. 1196 Creates the College of Southern Maryland Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MT	Signed by governor Jan-99	Clarifies that the retirement levy for a community college district may be imposed only on property within the community college district. Title: S.B. 151 Community College Finance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Adds a student member to the State Board of Community Colleges. Title: H.B. 244 Adds Student to State Board of Community Colleges. Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Allows property transfers between community college boards of trustees and counties for community college purposes. Title: H.B. 239 Allows Property Transfers for Community College Purposes Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Updates and makes technical changes to the community college laws. Title: H.B. 260 Revises Community College Laws Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Authorizes the establishment of campus law enforcement agencies at constituent institutions of the community college system. Title: H.B. 477 Establishes Campus Law Enforcement Agencies Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Establishes a new multicampus community college to serve Anson and Union counties. Title: S.B. 1039 Establishes Multicampus Community College Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to the membership of the state board of higher education; to assumption of jurisdiction over junior colleges, appointments and membership of the state board, and tax levies for financing residual or other junior college fiscal obligations. Title: S.B. 2215 State Board of Higher Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Amends state aid funding provisions for tribally controlled community colleges and for community college areas with levies that are 135% or more of the state average (Section 85-1536). Title: L.B. 67 State Aid to Community Colleges Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Removes Office of Community College Services from Department of Education; specifies relationship of office and State Board of Education; renames Office of Community College Services to Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Title: S.B. 165 Office of Community College Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the authority of a junior college district to establish, operate or offer a branch campus, center, extension facility or course in certain areas. Title: H.B. 2415 Authority of Junior College Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to reports on the degree, certificate or other enrollment status of public junior college students. Title: S.B. 1853 Reports Relating to Junior College Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the election of the governing board of certain junior college districts. Title: H.B. 3263 Election of Junior College Governing Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor May-99	Relates to course credits offered under an agreement between a school district and a junior college. Title: S.B. 1352 School District and Junior College Course Credits Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WV	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes Community and Technical College Workforce Development Center Program to link postsecondary education capacity to employers' needs. Title: H.B. 3009 Community and Technical College Workforce Development Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL REFORM		
NJ	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes a supplemental appropriation for incentive grants to implement whole-school reform in the Abbott districts. Title: A.B. 2606 Appropriation for Whole-School Reform Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PA	Proposed Mar-99	Establishes the Preapproved School Design Program; provides for the powers and duties of the Department of Education; makes appropriation. Title: H.B. 1029 Establishes Preapproved School Design Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CORRECTIONS EDUCATION		
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Establishes a school district for the operation of schools in certain juvenile correctional facilities. Title: S.B. 1068 Schools in Juvenile Correctional Facilities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MT	Signed by governor Jan-99	Requires Youth Detention Facility to provide an education program for youth held in the facility; allows center to contract with a school district to provide the program and establishes method of funding. Defines "detention" to mean the temporary placement of the youth in a facility other than the youth's home to continue custody after the youth is taken into custody and before final disposition. Title: S.B. 199 Requirements for Youth Detention Facilities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for inmate training and education and the Inmate Education Advisory Committee. Title: S.B. 970 Inmate Training and Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides an appropriation to the State Board of Regents to initiate university extension programs at county prisons throughout the state. Title: H.B. 321 Appropriation for Extension Programs at County Prisons Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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CURRICULUM		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Promotes foreign language instruction in public schools. Title: S.B. 889 Promotes Foreign Language Instruction Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requests the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education to study the effects of teaching arts and music in public elementary schools. Title: H.C.R. 1013 Requests Study on Arts Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor May-99	Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules to allow K-12 pupils to obtain academic credit for a course or subject in which they have not enrolled, but in which they otherwise can demonstrate competency. Title: H.B. 2297 Requires Credits for Demonstrated Competency Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Requires school districts to notify parents of their right to review classroom curricula and instructional materials. Also requires the information or materials to be made available "reasonably soon" or in accordance with school board procedures. Title: A.B. 1216 Requires Parental Notification of Classroom Materials Source: <i>"Sacramento Education Legislative Letter"</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Requires school districts and governing boards to notify parents of K-12 students at the beginning of the school year of any sex education or instruction on AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases to be provided during the school year. Title: S.B. 1110 Notification of Sex and STD Instruction Source: <i>"Sacramento Education Legislative Letter"</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Encourages governing boards to consider the physical education curriculum framework when adopting physical education programs. Also requires the Department of Education to compile physical performance test results and report them every two years. Title: S.B. 896 Physical Education Programs and Testing Source: <i>"EDCAL"</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	States the legislature's intent that historically accurate files and videotapes depicting the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II be made available to schools and used in the classroom. Also encourages teachers to teach students about the Armenian genocide and internment and the relocation and restriction of people of Italian origin, historical events commonly overlooked in school curricula. Title: S.B. 2053 Materials on Japanese Internment and Armenian Genocide Source: <i>Sacramento Education Legislative Letter</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Calls for public education activities and educational materials to ensure that events surrounding the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II are not forgotten. Title: A.B. 1915 Activities and Materials on Japanese Internment Source: <i>"Sacramento Education Legislative Letter"</i>
IL	Signed by governor Feb-98	Permits school districts participating in the Reading Improvement Block Program to use assessment methods other than the reading portion of the IGAP tests to measure student reading skills; provides that districts not demonstrating performance progress using an approved assessment method shall be ineligible for subsequent funding until such progress is established. Title: H.B. 2887 Reading Improvement Block Grant Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for the development and implementation of a program for educating public and nonpublic elementary and secondary school students about the problems associated with gaming and gambling. Title: H.B. 2265 Gaming Prevention Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for the development and implementation of a pilot program based on the Energy Express summer program for children. Title: H.B. 1941 Energy Express Summer Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor May-99	Creates Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in Maryland and provides for its composition, organization, staffing and duties; requires task force to evaluate the standards of private driver's education programs in the state and to the feasibility of returning driver's education programs to the public schools; requires the task force to report on or before a certain date. Title: H.B. 1202 Creates Task Force on Driver's Education Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires the State Board of Education to develop objectives for existing secondary level courses that focus on instruction in personal money management skills. Title: H.B. 820 Money Management Instruction Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Dec-98	Requires all school districts to teach home economics in grades 10, 11 or 12 ; provides for funding home economics programs; deletes the repealer on the statutes requiring home economics programs. Title: H.B. 129 Provides Funding for Home Economics Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Revises courses of study required to be taught in public schools. Title: S.B. 445 Revises Courses of Study Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to teaching American Sign Language and requires American Sign Language be granted the same credit as foreign language. Title: H.B. 1659 American Sign Language Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor Jun-98	Strives to ensure that students can read at grade level by end of 3rd grade. Adds kindergarten as a grade at which skills must be assessed; specifies elements of reading instruction to be included in assessment plans and calls for a Reading Report Card for each elementary site. Title: H.B. 2878 Modifies Reading Sufficiency Act Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Allows public elementary and secondary schools to include unit of instruction on Irish Famine; directs Department of Education to prepare model curriculum. Title: S.B. 771 Authorizes Instruction on Irish Famine Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to grant program for agricultural projects in certain public school districts. Title: H.B. 2631 Grant Program for Agricultural Projects Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Defines abstinence education as an educational or motivational program whose exclusive purpose is teaching the social, psychological and health gains to be realized by teenagers' abstinence from sexual activity. Title: S.B. 1047 Defines Abstinence Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Includes instruction on principles of Bill of Rights among historical documents that must be explained and taught to pupils in public schools. Title: H.B. 2521 Requires Instruction on Bill of Rights Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires local school boards to notify students and their parents of availability of Advanced Placement classes, International Baccalaureate program, qualifications for entrance into the classes and programs and availability of financial assistance to help low-income students take these examinations. Title: H.B. 2553 Requires Notification of Advanced Placement Courses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes supplemental appropriation of public moneys out of the treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated balance in the state fund, (general revenue) to the Department of Education and the Arts-Library Commission. Title: S.B. 2001B Makes Supplemental Appropriation for Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DEMOGRAPHICS		
NM	Signed by governor Jan-99	Establishes a work program at public schools for New Mexico Works Act participants. Title: S.B. 97 Establishes Work Program at Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DEREGULATION/WAIVERS		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requests the Arkansas Legislative Council to review the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999. Title: H.C.R. 1021 Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Extends duration of pilot programs for deregulated public schools and authorizes additional pilot program. Title: S.B. 2186 Pilot Programs for Deregulated Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SC	Signed by governor Jun-99	Enacts South Carolina Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999; authorizes Department of Education to grant waivers to schools and school districts from specified state statutory and regulatory educational requirements under certain conditions. Title: H.B. 4000 South Carolina Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WA	Signed by governor May-99	Declares that the accountability system should be based on continuous improvement at all levels of Washington's education system and on a fundamental principle that all students have equitable access to curriculum and instruction that is aligned to the standards; declares that the state's education system should respect and support local flexibility in the design, financing and management of schools, including their instructional programs. Title: S.B. 5418 State Accountability System Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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DISTANCE LEARNING/VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Clarifies the responsibility for the regulation of correspondence courses. Title: S.B. 893 Regulation of Correspondence Courses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for distance learning in the state; creates the Interagency Distance Learning Review Commission. Title: S.B. 832 Interagency Distance Learning Review Commission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires coordination of all aspects of distance learning activities in Arkansas so that expenditures of state funds for distance learning technology promote statewide access to a shared-use network infrastructure, foster open standards for applications, optimize benefits, create opportunities for innovation in state government, and transform institutional and budgeting behavior. Title: S.B. 780 Requires Coordination of Distance Learning Activities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides distance learning to all public schools in the state. Title: H.B. 1620 Provides Distance Learning to Public Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Proposed May-99	Relates to virtual universities and online education; creates the Virtual University Task Force. Title: H.C.R. 1045 Creates Virtual University Task Force Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor May-99	Creates the Virtual Internet School in the Oklahoma Network. Title: H.B. 1650 Creates Virtual Internet School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Exempts education courses and programs offered pursuant to a multi-state compact including, but not limited to, the Southern Regional Education Board's Southern Electronic Campus, from the requirement that State Council of Higher Education approval be obtained prior to conferring any degrees, diplomas or certificates. Title: S.B. 1171 Exempts Educational Courses from Approval Requirement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DRUGS/ALCOHOL		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires that a copy of the statute prohibiting smoking or use of tobacco or tobacco products on school property be posted in a conspicuous place at every entrance of each school building or school bus. Title: S.B. 790 Requires Posting of Smoking Prohibition Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to enforcement, prevention, education and treatment for substance abuse and sexual abuse. Title: S.B. 361 Relates to Substance and Sexual Abuse Prevention Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MT	Signed by governor Jan-99	Establishes drug- and crime-free schools; requires youth court to notify a school when juvenile probation officer believes that a youth is involved in drug use or other criminal activity; provides for safety of children; authorizes a school to provide youth court and law enforcement authorities with education records that pertain to pupil violators of the Montana Youth Court Act or criminal laws. Title: H.B. 310 Establishes Drug-Free and Crime-Free Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NV	Signed by governor May-99	Revises composition and duties of Commission on Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, Enforcement and Treatment. Title: S.B. 346 Modifies Substance Abuse Commission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Adds designated school bus stops and any public property or property open to public use within 1000 feet of any such school bus stop to the sites and scenarios in which it is unlawful to manufacture, sell or distribute or possess with intent to sell, give or distribute any controlled substance, imitation controlled substance or marijuana. Title: H.B. 2426 Controlled Substances and School Bus Stops Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
AL	Signed by governor May-99	Establishes the Office of School Readiness for operation of voluntary prekindergarten program; provides for appointment of director and other personnel needed to administer the program; provides for operation of the office. Title: S.B. 376 Establishes Office of School Readiness Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requests the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education study the state of early childhood education in Arkansas. Title: H.C.R. 1018 Requests Study on State of Early Childhood Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Died Mar-99	Creates State School Readiness Governing Board: provides eligibility requirements; requires performance standards and outcome measures developed and approved by governing board to meet certain guidelines; provides for establishment and funding of School Readiness Coalition in each county; provides for parental choice regarding child-care arrangements and payments. Title: H.B. 259 Creates State School Readiness Governing Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Died Oct-98	Establishes committee to develop policies for integrating early childhood education, care, protection and health services. Develops resources to strengthen families and enable them to provide nurturing learning environments for young children. Title: H.B. 2539 Establishes Committee on Early Childhood Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Died Jan-98	Appropriates \$70 million in addition to current existing level of funding for early education and child care to expand the Open Doors project. Title: S.B. 2743 Appropriates Funds for Open Doors Project Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes an Iowa early-intervention block grant program to reduce class size; provides direction and resources for success, especially in reading, including enabling parents to improve their child's reading; includes phonemic awareness training; provides for accountability; requires technology plan; provides for a school improvement technology block grant program; makes appropriations. Title: H.B. 743 Establishes Early Intervention Block Grant Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MN	Signed by governor May-99	Relates to education, family and early childhood education; provides for children and family-support programs, community and systems change, prevention and intervention, self-sufficiency and lifelong learning; appropriates money. Title: H.B. 1467 Children and Family Support Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NC	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes corrections to the general statutes regarding child care; repeals certain other laws pertaining to child-care program standards; makes changes regarding the training materials that may be used by child-care facilities. Title: H.B. 287 Revises Child Care Laws Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Jul-99	Establishes a partnership between New Jersey KidCare and schools and child-care centers to provide outreach to children potentially eligible for KidCare. Title: S.B. 1757 Provides Outreach to Children Eligible for KidCare Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Jan-98	Authorizes certain child-care programs operated in a public school; exempts them from certain zoning regulations. Title: A.B. 1277 Authorizes Child Care Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Died Mar-99	Requires funding for 15% of children from birth to 3 years of age; specifies that funding will increase each biennium to provide for additional 10% of eligible children; caps funding once program is funded for education for eligible children; appropriates moneys from general fund to Department of Education for early childhood education programs for children from birth to 3 years of age. Title: S.B. 976 Requires Funding for Early Childhood Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to grants in support of prereading instruction. Title: S.B. 955 Grants for Pre-Reading Instruction Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Expands the list of accrediting bodies that permit a preschool or nursery school program operated by a private school to be exempt from licensure in conjunction with additional requirements to include the Association of Christian School International, the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation, the Accreditation Council for early Childhood Professional Personnel and Programs, and the International Academy for Private Education, among others. Title: H.B. 2205 Expands List of Accrediting Bodies for Preschool Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ECONOMIC/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Creates a new chapter in the Arkansas Code for the Department of Workforce Education. Title: S.B. 908 Creates Department of Workforce Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Allows participants in A Better Chance welfare reform program to engage in secondary education, postsecondary education and vocational training as part of the work activity requirement. Title: S.B. 101 Authorizes Educational Opportunities for Welfare Recipients Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Vetoed May-99	Authorizes establishment of accelerated career education program; provides tax credit from withholding; relates to the transfer of job training withholding to the workforce development fund account. (A majority of the provisions were line-item vetoed) Title: S.B. 465 Establishes Accelerated Career Education Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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MD	Vetoed May-99	Allows an individual a state income tax credit for 30% of up to \$5,000 paid for approved education programs providing training in workplace skills that are in short supply and critical to Maryland's economic development strategy, subject to specified limitations and conditions. Title: H.B. 1176 Income Tax Credit Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor Jun-99	Allows low-income parents participating in the Parents As Scholars postsecondary education program who are in their third or fourth year of study to choose among specified activities; allows for adjustment to program requirements for good cause on an individual basis. Title: H.B. 1115 Parents as Scholars Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for scholarships for persons entering into the field of science and technology. Title: S.B. 900 Scholarships for Science and Technology Study Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the identification of technical education programs needed to maintain and improve the state's economic and technical competitiveness. Title: S.B. 1819 Technical Education Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the creation of a Parents as Scholars pilot program for certain persons eligible to receive TANF benefits. Title: H.B. 3470 Parents as Scholars Pilot Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WV	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes Community and Technical College Workforce Development Center Program to link postsecondary education capacity to the needs of employers. Title: H.B. 3009 Community and Technical College Workforce Development Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requests House and Senate Interim Committees on education to study the effects of teaching arts and music in public elementary schools. Title: H.C.R. 1013 Requests Study on Arts Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Died Jul-98	Concerns a comprehensive program to improve education in the early grades. Title: S.B. 121 Improving Early Childhood Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ENROLLMENT		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Allows school districts to enter into agreements allowing students to transfer to another school district to attend summer school. Title: S.B. 797 Authorizes Student Transfers for Summer School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires certain proof of federal draft registration for eligibility for enrollment in postsecondary institutions. Title: H.B. 1549 Requires Proof of Draft Registration for Enrollment Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes the After School Enrichment Program; provides assistance to at-risk High School students to provide character building and other support programs; provides assistance for after-school programs to school districts with high percentages of at-risk high school students. Title: H.B. 2267 Establishes After School Enrichment Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Feb-99	Amends the school code to require the State Board of Education to provide after-school program grants to qualifying school districts to provide academic assistance at the end of the regular day of instruction or on nonschool days for students and their families at school sites; provides that a school district qualifies and may apply for a grant if the district contains one or more schools in which at least two-fifths of the students fail to meet state academic standards. Title: H.B. 1878/S.B. 346 Requires After School Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
RI	Signed by governor Jul-98	Establishes urban after-school programs to provide students the opportunity to engage in educational, cultural and social activities. Title: H.B. 7966 Establishes Urban After-school Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides that school boards may adopt rules to keep campuses, including school libraries, open for recreational activities, latchkey programs and tutoring after school hours. Title: S.B. 104 Authorizes Extended Day Programs Source: <i>"Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i>
FACULTY		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Pertains to faculty performance review. Title: H.B. 2099 Faculty Performance Review Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Repeals sabbatical leave for the purpose of rest and recuperation for teachers and college faculty. Title: S.B. 297 Restricts Sabbatical Leave Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MI	Signed by governor Aug-98	Revises provisions in teacher tenure act; creates a state tenure committee and prescribes its powers and duties. Title: S.B. 884 Revises Teacher Tenure Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MO	Signed by governor Jun-98	Provides that teaching certificates may be revoked if the holder is found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, and must be revoked if the holder is found guilty of first-degree murder or dangerous felony, certain sexual offenses, certain offenses against the family or certain offenses relating to child pornography. Allows teacher whose certificate has been revoked to appeal to the state board and appeal the state board's decision to circuit court. Abolishes tenure for St. Louis principals and raises time for St. Louis teachers to gain tenure from three to five years. Title: H.B. 1469 Revoking Teaching Certificates for Certain Crimes Source: <i>House Research Staff, Missouri House Representatives</i>
MT	Signed by governor Feb-99	Extends indefinitely a provision requiring the employer to help purchase retirement service for eligible state or university employees whose positions are eliminated by a reduction in force, privatization or agency reorganization. Title: H.B. 494 Retirement Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ND	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to teacher suspensions. Title: H.B. 1224 Teacher Suspensions Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides time to appeal notice of termination to a school board and to conduct a hearing. Title: H.B. 1210 Notice of Termination Appeals Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Jan-99	Clarifies notification date requirements and renewal of certain teacher contracts. Title: S.B. 179 Renewal of Teacher Contracts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the right of faculty members at institutions of higher education to present grievances on certain personnel issues. Title: H.B. 1952 Faculty Grievances Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Modifies definitions in the Orderly School Termination Procedures Act and dismissal procedures; provides for waiver of hearings, suspension without pay, issuance of subpoenas and an appeal process, and clarifies provisional employee status. Title: S.B. 146 Termination Procedures Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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FINANCE		
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to the education omnibus budget reconciliation; makes changes to both permanent and session law to implement budgeting measures relating to education. Title: S.B. 1006A Implementing Budgeting Measures Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Permits school district governing boards to establish damage deposits for use of school equipment and to charge fees for art supplies; requires school districts to return the deposit if items are returned on time and in reasonably good condition. Title: S.B. 1027 School Equipment Usage Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Jul-98	Establishes centralized state school capital finance system with limited bonding for all school districts; institutes school building adequacy requirements; makes an appropriation. Title: S.B. 1001 Establishes Centralized Capital Finance System Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Allocates the estimated \$90 million in unexpended class-size reduction dollars to (1) districts with 40% of students in a year-round schedule, with more than 200 students per acre, and that have reduced class sizes in three grades, and (2) "catch-22" districts that had insufficient class-size reduction (CSR) dollars in 1997-98 to fund their facilities eligibility, implemented CSR in 1996-97 and expanded the program in 1997-98. Title: A.B. 1746 Allocates Unexpended Class-Size Reduction Funds Source: "EDCAL"
CT	Died Jul-98	Concerns an increase in the state share of local public education expenditures; reduce the reliance on the property tax to finance public education. Title: H.B. 5129, H.B. 5133, H.B. 5144 & H.B. 5152 Financing Public Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DE	Died Oct-98	Creates tax credit for persons over age 65 or the widowed spouses of such persons; requires school district, by way of the county, to inform the taxpayer annually concerning the amount of the difference which may be taken as a credit. Title: H.B. 339 Tax Credit for Elderly Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Proposed Apr-99	Requires Department of Education to provide the schools and legislature, by the opening day of each regular legislative session, reports on its proposed school-by-school budget allocation. Gives each school flexibility in spending its allocation. Title: S.B. 446 School-based Budgeting Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor May-99	Provides for the joint construction or acquisition, furnishing, operation and maintenance of public buildings by counties, cities, fire districts and school districts and provides for joint issuance of school district or fire district bonds. Title: S.B. 393 Joint Issuance of School District or Fire District Bonds Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes early-intervention block grant program with goal of class reduction; provides direction and resources for success, especially in reading, including enabling parents to improve their child's reading; includes phonemic awareness training; provides for accountability; requires technology plan; provides for a school improvement technology block grant program; makes appropriations. Title: H.B. 743 Establishes Early-Intervention Block Grant Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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IA	Signed by governor Feb-99	Provides additional funding for certain school districts with decreasing or increasing enrollments. Title: H.B. 147 Funding for Districts with Changing Enrollments Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Feb-99	Requires school district board of trustees to maintain an account of receipts and expenditures of moneys received from vending machine sales on school property. Title: S.B. 1075 Requires Accounting of Vending Machine Sales Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Feb-99	Adds to existing law to authorize the issuance of an Idaho youth license plate, with a portion of the fee to be used to provide prevention and early-intervention programs for at-risk youth. Title: H.B. 218 Creates Idaho Youth License Plate Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor May-99	Removes required report projecting secondary special education exit numbers; changes computation for reimbursement for gifted children and transportation so valuation for school district is computed in same manner as for apportionment of general state financial aid; provides charter schools, if chartered by state board, maintain accurate attendance records sufficient to file claims under provisions concerning the basis for apportionment of general state aid. Title: S.B. 291 Charter School Finance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor May-99	Enacts the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act; abolishes and reestablishes the State Board of Regents; prescribes powers, duties and functions; relates to the financing of postsecondary educational institutions. Title: S.B. 345 Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Oct-98	Amends local sales tax; delays the sunset requirement that counties use part of the two half-cent local sales tax proceeds only for public school capital outlay purposes. Title: S.B. 1150 Public School Capital Outlay Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Aug-98	Extends tax-exempt financing under the Higher Education Facilities Finance Act to private elementary and secondary school facilities. Title: S.B. 1556 Extends Tax-exempt Financing to School Facilities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Died Feb-99	Provides a concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study enhanced funding for school districts for quality education and methods of reducing reliance on property taxes for school district funding. Title: H.C.R. 3064 Requires Study of Enhanced Funding for Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Creates Hardship Fund to allow districts in certain financial distress to borrow money. Qualifying occurrences are: Enrolling one or more new special education students or acquiring one or more new disabling conditions that cause special education expenditures to increase by 10% or more, but not less than three times the cost per student in the standard cost grouping; opening of a group home that causes expenditures to increase by 10% or more; clerical errors by public officials, except those employed by or serving on the school board; and several other fiscal conditions concerning calculation of aid, budgeted reserves, current levy. Title: L.B. 314 Creates the Hardship Fund Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>

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NH	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires that a town disclose in its annual budget the amount of any reimbursements received to offset special education expenditures, including those for catastrophic special education expenditures. Title: S.B. 129 Special Education Expenditures Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes voluntary school contribution program to support local school districts; provides that municipalities may send notice to all taxpayers showing the amount of his or her school tax assessment from the prior year and may give taxpayers the choice to remit this amount voluntarily, in whole or in part, to support the local school district. Title: H.B. 734 Establishes Voluntary School Contribution Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Proposed Feb-99	Requires the state to pay the full cost of special education services provided to all court-ordered, out-of-district placements of special education pupils. Title: S.B. 210 Funding for Special Education Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Signed by governor Mar-98	Implements the Advancing Better Classrooms Program to provide a constitutionally adequate public education to all New Hampshire children; establishes the criteria necessary for an adequate education. Title: H.B. 1075 Implements Advancing Better Classrooms Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Signed by governor Aug-98	Provides that a person otherwise eligible for the School Tax Relief (STAR) property tax exemption will not be denied the exemption if he or she becomes 65 after the appropriate taxable status date and before December 31 of the same year. Title: S.B. 7058 School Tax Relief Eligibility Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
RI	Signed by governor Jul-98	Creates the Rhode Island Urban Education Act; appropriates funds to the cities based on the total number of students in each community. Title: H.B. 7787 Urban Education Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Mar-99	Revises the property tax levies for the general fund of a school district. Title: H.B. 1151 Revises Property Tax Levies Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Creates school land trust program for each public school with interest on the fund to be used to support the program; provides for funds to go to each public school to enhance academic performance and improve education excellence. Title: H.B. 350 Creates School Land Trust Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VT	Signed by governor Sep-98	Sets formula for statewide education property tax for fiscal year 2000. Title: H.B. 771 Property Taxes Sets Formula for Education Property Tax Source: <i>Vermont Department of Education</i>
VT	Signed by governor Sep-98	Provides funds for existing capital construction obligations and specific projects. Title: H.B. 761 Funding for Capital Construction Source: <i>Vermont Department of Education</i>
VT	Signed by governor Sep-98	Provides support for the Vermont Department of Education, appropriates funds for school districts. Requires commissioner of education to report on state and regional partnerships; provides funds for citizenship education and capital construction. Title: H.B. 755 Education Appropriations Bill Source: <i>Vermont Department of Education</i>

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FINANCE--ADEQUACY/CORE COST		
IL	Proposed Mar-99	Establishes a limit on administrative costs for school districts having a population of less than 500,000. Title: H.B. 1132 Establishes Limit on Administrative Costs for Certain Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Signed by governor Mar-98	Implements the Advancing Better Classrooms Program to provide a constitutionally adequate public education to all New Hampshire children; establishes the criteria necessary for an adequate education. Title: H.B. 1075 Implements Advancing Better Classrooms Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE--BUDGET AUTHORITY		
HI	Vetoed May-99	Facilitates implementation of school-based budgeting. Title: S.B. 46 Implements School-Based Budgeting Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE--CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for the Partnership Technology Center capital improvement appropriation. Title: S.B. 708 Partnership Technology Center Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides the Department of Education, General Education Division, Rise/Move Summer Tutorial and Enrichment Program capital improvement appropriation. Title: S.B. 727 Provides Capital Improvement Appropriation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Allows the distance learning and multi-purpose classroom facility capital improvement appropriation. Title: S.B. 710 Provides Capital Improvement Appropriation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that the Legislative Council study the status and condition of school buildings in the state. Title: S.C.R. 23 Requires Study of the Condition of School Facilities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Jul-98	Establishes centralized state school capital finance system with limited bonding for all school districts; institutes school building adequacy requirements; makes an appropriation. Title: S.B. 1001 Establishes Centralized Capital Finance System Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Died Jul-98	Requires each district school to meet annually with the board of county commissioners and with municipal governing bodies to plan for education facilities; provides for notice; requires a report, providing for arbitration. Title: H.B. 3283 Educational Facilities Planning Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
GA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to capital outlay funds; provides for legislative findings and intent; defines certain terms; provides for State Board of Education to make capital outlay grants to low-wealth school systems. Title: H.B. 149 Provides for Low-Wealth Capital Outlay Grants Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for state guarantee of repayment of school bonds. Title: S.B. 1236 Repayment of School Bonds Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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IL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires Capital Development Board to certify to a school district the amount of project cost the district must finance with nongrant funds; authorizes districts to incur additional indebtedness by issuing school construction project bonds in an amount not more than what the district must finance with nongrant funds. Title: S.B. 840 School Construction Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Feb-99	Requires State Board of Education to certify to a school district issued a grant entitlement for a school construction project the amount of project cost the district will be required to finance with nongrant funds; sets other provisions. Title: H.B. 2686 Grant Entitlements for School Construction Projects Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Concerns the provision and maintenance of water closets by boards of education. Title: S.B. 36 Maintenance of Water Closets Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Establishes Louisiana Education Facilities Authority program to provide financial assistance for public elementary and secondary schools; provides for bonds and contracting. Title: H.B. 1242 Establishes Louisiana Education Facilities Authority Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for public school board to manage and administer certain lands, buildings and improvements, facilities and other property in the district's geographic boundaries. Title: H.B. 2252 Management of Public School Lands and Buildings Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Creates education facilities improvement district in certain parishes (counties); provides that such districts shall be political subdivisions coterminous with school district; provides for selection of offices and appointments by local school boards. Title: H.B. 1115 Creates Education Facilities Improvement Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Oct-98	Amends local sales tax; delays the sunset requirement that counties use part of the two half-cent local sales tax proceeds only for public school capital outlay purposes. Title: S.B. 1150 Public School Capital Outlay Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Aug-98	Extends tax-exempt financing under the Higher Education Facilities Finance Act to private elementary and secondary school facilities. Title: S.B. 1556 Extends Tax-exempt Financing to Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Apr-98	Appropriates funds from the Jobs, Education and Competitiveness Fund to the Commission on Higher Education for construction projects at community colleges. Title: S.B. 993 Appropriation for Construction Projects Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Revises provisions governing construction and financing of school facilities. Creates fund and authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds to help school districts finance capital improvements in certain circumstances. Imposes an additional sales tax to pay the cost of extraordinary maintenance, repair and improvements. Title: A.B. 597 Creates Capital Improvement Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes a commission to oversee school construction in larger counties. Title: S.B. 435 Establishes Commission To Oversee School Construction Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Proposed Jan-99	Authorizes constitutional amendment to be put before the voters to allow the state to finance general obligation bonds for school building projects. Title: S.J.R. 1 Constitutional Amendment To Finance School Building Projects Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jun-99	Expands amount allowed as subtraction against personal income tax or corporate income or excise tax for donations or reduced sales of land to public or nonprofit education institutions; permits carry forward of unused subtraction for 15 tax years; applies to donations and reduced sales occurring in tax years on or after 1/1/2000. Title: H.B. 3405 Tax Subtraction for Donations or Reduced Sales of Land Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to contracts for the replacement or repair of public school equipment or portions of public school facilities. Title: H.B. 2260 Contracts for Repair of Equipment and Facilities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for the development and distribution of a school building construction and inspection resource manual by the State Board of Education; provides for an annual school construction conference; requires the board to develop a process for the verification of school building inspections by qualified inspectors. Title: S.B. 68 School Building Construction Manual Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that a school district levying less than a .0024 tax rate for capital outlay and debt service will receive proportional funding under the capital outlay foundation program based upon the percentage of the .0024 tax rate levied by the district. Title: H.B. 183 Capital Outlay Foundation Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE—EQUITY		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for an act to amend various sections of Title 6 and Title 26 of the Arkansas code relative to funding of public education and the determination of the uniform rate of tax. Title: S.B. 755 Education Funding and Uniform Tax Rate Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Amends the law that sets parameters for funding equalization. Title: S.B. 4 Parameters for Funding Equalization Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE--EXPENDITURES/REVENUES		
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the Penny Trust Fund; establishes Board of Control with duties and membership procedures; gives boards of education more flexibility in the expenditure of these moneys. Title: H.B. 256 Penny Trust Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Died Mar-99	Provides for school systems to use earnings from dedicated tobacco money. Title: S.B. 711 Earnings from Tobacco Money Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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MT	Signed by governor Feb-99	Establishes first Tuesday after first Monday in May as the general school election and trustee election date; limits a school district to one levy election in calendar year; requires a district whose budget exceeds the maximum and that loses ANB to reduce its current general fund budget by the percentage of ANB decrease; adjusts meeting and reporting dates to conform with the May election date; clarifies teacher notice and hearing time limit provisions. Title: S.B. 460 Election Dates and General Fund Budgets Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Amends provisions for Board of Educational Lands and Funds to administer school lands. Bases changes on findings and recommendations from a study completed by the Program Evaluation Committee. Addresses roads, rental, etc. and clarifies that the board must manage the lands in a manner consistent with that of a trustee acting in a fiduciary capacity when it places a value on school land easements. Title: L.B. 779 Board of Educational Lands and Funds Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Creates tobacco settlement permanent fund and income fund; provides for annual distributions from the permanent fund for health and education purposes; creates joint interim legislative committee; makes appropriation. Title: H.B. 501 Creates Tobacco Settlement Fund for Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE—FOUNDATIONS		
IA	Signed by governor Feb-99	Establishes at 4% the state percent of growth for state school foundation program for school budget year beginning July 1, 2000; makes bill applicable for state aid computation under school foundation program for budget year beginning 7/1/2000. Title: H.B. 146 State School Foundation Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Relates to education foundations; expands powers of public education foundations and allows them to participate in risk management fund upon approval of state risk manager and respective board of education. Title: H.B. 232 Education Foundations Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Expands current authority of local school boards to establish, by themselves or with other parties or as regional efforts with other school boards, education technology foundations to include public school foundations, nonstock, nonprofit corporations created to implement public school improvement projects, defined to include any project designed to achieve education purpose identified in Title 22.1. Title: H.B. 2176 Authorizes Educational Technology Foundations Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE--FUNDING FORMULAS		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends the school funding formula definition by defining student loss funding. Title: S.B. 759 Adds Definition for Student Loss Funding Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes new methods for determining a school district's expenditure base limit and new procedures for proposed expenditures that exceed the base limit; repeals current methods of determining a property tax increase for school district. Title: S.B. 1240 School District Expenditure Base Limit Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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CO	Signed by governor May-99	Concerns size factor used in calculating total program funding for certain small school districts that adopt plans of reorganization that result in deconsolidation of the school districts. Title: H.B. 1367 Calculating Program Funding for Certain School Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Signed by governor Jun-99	Changes formula for allocating grants to priority and transitional school districts. Title: S.B. 1330 Changes Formula for Grants to Certain School Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor Feb-99	Provides additional funding for certain school districts that have either decreasing or increasing enrollments. Title: H.B. 147 Funding for Districts with Changing Enrollments Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor May-99	Relates to counting of preschool-aged at-risk pupils; increases base state aid per pupil; affects determination of at-risk low enrollment and correlation weightings; revises definition of local efforts; relates to school district general fund property tax levy and to juvenile detention facilities and weighing of pupils therein. Title: S.B. 171 School District Finance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Veto overridden Jul-99	Amends Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act by requiring recertification of state aid to be paid in 1999-2000 school year by 4/1/99, setting local effort rate at 10 cents below maximum levy for certification of state aid, changing certification deadline for future years to February 1 and removing an estimation procedure. Title: L.B. 149 Recalculation and Recertification of State Aid Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires Department of Education to certify an estimation grid to each local system on or before December 1 of each year. Contains average daily membership, fall membership, students with limited English proficiency, students that qualify for poverty factor, students residing on Indian land, special education allowance, transportation allowance, accountable receipts, adjusted valuation, net option funding, equalization aid, reorganization incentives, allocated income tax funds, total aid for the certification of aid, total aid for the final calculation of state aid and total aid to be paid. Makes other amendments. Title: L.B. 715 Requires Certification of Estimation Grid Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NY	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides an aid ratio formula for pupil transportation funding. Title: S.B. 5571 Provides Aid Ratio Formula Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Mar-99	Clarifies average daily membership in the state aid to education formula. Title: S.B. 89 Clarifies Average Daily Membership Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for state and local funding of the Minimum School Program Act; provides a ceiling for the state contribution of the maintenance and operation portion of the act; establishes the value of the weighted pupil unit; establishes distribution formulas. Title: H.B. 3 Provides for Funding of Minimum School Program Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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FINANCE--LOTTERIES		
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes Office of Information Technology with director appointed by governor; provides for distribution of lottery funds to public schools and institutions of higher education. Title: H.B. 586/S.B. 385 Establishes Office of Information Technology Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AL	Signed by governor Mar-99	Relates to the Education Lottery Corporation and Lottery Trust Fund; provides for the distribution of revenues and constitutional amendment. Title: H.B. 73 Education Lottery Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE--PERFORMANCE FUNDING		
DE	Died Oct-98	Places funding responsibility for private-placement financial aid for "complex and rare" handicapped persons aged 4-20 entirely with the state, eliminating any contribution by local school district. Title: H.B. 275 State Responsibility for Financial Aid Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE--RESOURCE ALLOCATION		
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides an appropriation for teacher classroom supplies and materials. Title: H.B. 9 Appropriates Funding for Classroom Materials Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE--STATE APPROPRIATIONS		
DE	Died Oct-98	Places funding responsibility for private-placement financial aid for "complex and rare" handicapped persons aged 4-20 entirely with the state, eliminating any contribution by the local school district for such placement. Title: H.B. 275 State Responsibility for Financial Aid Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Creates committee to study funding of higher education in Nevada. Title: S.B. 443 Creates Committee to Study Funding of Higher Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FINANCE--TAXES		
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the ad valorem taxation of all taxable property in Mobile County; provides for tax distributions for education. Title: H.B. 254 Ad Valorem Taxation and Tax Distributions for Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for act to amend various sections of Title 6 and Title 26 of the Arkansas code relative to funding public education and determining uniform rate of tax. Title: S.B. 755 Education Funding and Uniform Tax Rate Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes new methods for determining school district's expenditure base limit and establishes new procedures for proposed expenditures that exceed the base limit; repeals current methods of determining district property tax increase. Title: S.B. 1240 School District Expenditure Base Limit Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Died Jul-98	Concerns an increase in the state share of local public education expenditures; reduce the reliance on the property tax to finance public education. Title: H.B. 5129/H.B. 5133/ H.B. 5144/H.B. 5152 Financing Public Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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DE	Signed by governor May-99	Provides that effective 1/1/98, each county may exercise authority to exempt real estate from county taxation without exempting such real estate from school taxes. Title: H.B. 114 Exemptions of Real Estate from Taxation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DE	Died Oct-98	Creates a tax credit for persons over age 65 or the widowed spouses of such persons; requires school district, by way of the county, to inform the taxpayer annually concerning the amount of the difference which may be taken as a credit. Title: H.B. 339 Tax Credit for Elderly Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Authorizes sales tax of 5% for parishes (counties), school boards and school districts. Title: S.B. 986 Authorizes Sales Tax Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Relates to levy of sales and use taxes by school boards; authorizes certain school boards, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect additional sales and use tax. Title: H.B. 2077 Levy of Sales and Use Taxes Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Authorizes Vermilion Parish School Board to levy and collect additional sales and use tax. Title: H.B. 1176 Authorizes Levy and Collection of Sales and Use Tax Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to levy of sales and use taxes by school boards; authorizes certain school boards, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax; and provides for related matters; provides for funding of bonds, rentals and services taxes, and collection and rates. Title: H.B. 2113 Authorizes Levy and Collection of Sales and Use Taxes Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MT	Signed by governor Dec-98	Authorizes school district to anticipate amount of certain nonlevy revenue for computation of general fund levy requirement; clarifies taxable valuation used to calculate number of mills levied; authorizes district to impose levy to eliminate any negative fund balance and restore reserves to prior year's operating reserve. Title: H.B. 90 School Finance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for phased-in collection of education property tax in certain municipalities; authorizes Town of Ashland to call special meeting, without court permission, for the purpose of raising money to address a general fund deficit; provides such money may be raised by taxation, incurring long-term debt or both. Title: H.B. 745 Provides for Phased-in Collection of Education Property Tax Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Signed by governor. Jan-99	Establishes uniform education property tax and utility property tax; increases business profit tax and real estate transfer taxes; includes other sources of revenue to provide funding for adequate public education; makes appropriation. Title: H.B. 117 Establishes Uniform Education Property Tax Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes New Jersey School Assessment Valuation Exemption Relief and Homestead Property Tax Rebate Act; provides direct property tax relief to homeowners and renters. Title: S.B. 12 School Assessment Valuation Exemption Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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SD	Signed by governor Mar-99	Revises the property tax levies for the general fund of a school district. Title: H.B. 1151 Revises Property Tax Levies Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VT	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to limits to aid for special education and the granting thereof; provides for average daily attendance funding and payments in lieu of taxes; relates to property tax sources of funding for public education, and to personal and real property taxation. Title: H.B. 548 Limits to Special Education Aid Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VT	Signed by governor Sep-98	Sets formula for statewide education property tax for fiscal year 2000. Title: H.B. 771 Sets Formula for Education Property Tax Source: <i>Vermont Department of Education</i>
FINANCIAL AID		
AK	Signed by governor Jul-99	Establishes Alaska Scholars program to provide scholarships to the University of Alaska. Title: S.B. 167 Alaska Scholars Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes HOPE (Help Outstanding Pupils Educationally) Scholarship Office; provides for director appointed by governor and distribution of lottery funds to colleges. Title: S.B. 379 HOPE Scholarship Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends the eligibility requirements for the Distinguished governor's Scholars Scholarship Program. Title: S.B. 835 Distinguished Governor's Scholars Scholarship Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes the Arkansas Technical Careers Student Loan Forgiveness Program. Title: H.B. 1767 Student Loan Forgiveness Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Creates a new section of statute that requires eligibility criteria for all scholarships awarded by the Arizona Board of Regents and universities to be the same for pupils from public, private, charter and home schools. Title: S.B. 1282 Eligibility Criteria for Scholarships Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor Apr-99	Re-creates the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund within the Education Department without modification; carries forward current balances and continues current sources and uses; repeals provision abrogating provisions regarding termination of trust fund. Title: H.B. 1169 State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Relates to the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS); provides for student eligibility; allows students who graduate from certain out-of-state high schools to be eligible for an award provided certain enhanced eligibility criteria are met; provides relative to certain high schools accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Title: S.B. 1040 Tuition Opportunity Program for Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides an incentive to claim a federal income tax credit before receiving a Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award. Title: S.B. 671 Tuition Opportunity Program for Students Award Tax Credit Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Deal with continuing eligibility for certain Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) awards under certain circumstances and for reinstatement of award payments. Title: H.B. 413 Eligibility for TOPS Awards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor May-99	Allows qualified recipients of Education Excellence Award to receive award under the Economic Development Student Assistance Grant Program and the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships Program; specifies qualifications for award; sets minimum award amount; clarifies that continuation of the award is contingent upon the recipient's making satisfactory progress toward a degree. Title: H.B. 1195 Eligibility for Scholarships Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor May-99	Replaces minimum amount requirement of Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program with minimum award provision establishing differential scholarship amounts based on status of higher education institution where eligible student is enrolled. Title: S.B. 635 Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MI	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Program and Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Trust Fund; creates Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Trust Fund Commission and prescribes powers and duties. Title: H.B. 4666 Creates Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Jun-98	Consolidates higher education student assistance entities, including existing authority, under one new authority. Title: A.B. 2217 Consolidates Student Assistance Entities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Extends lottery tuition fund scholarship eligibility to certain armed forces veterans. Title: H.B. 736 Broadens Eligibility for Lottery Tuition Fund Scholarships Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Creates Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund. Title: S.B. 496 Creates Millennium Scholarship Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for scholarships for persons entering fields of science and technology. Title: S.B. 900 Scholarships for Science and Technology Study Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SC	Signed by governor Jan-98	Establishes Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (Life) Scholarships under which the state will provide scholarships to cover cost, up to a limit, of eligible resident students attending accredited public or independent two-year institutions of higher learning and technical colleges. Allows refundable state individual income tax credit applicable to students graduating from high school on or after 5/97. Title: H.B. 4535 Future Excellence Scholarships Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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SD	Signed by governor Feb-99	Changes amount of dollars per student and the way students are counted for purposes of state aid. Title: H.B. 1031 Changes State Aid Criteria Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Abolishes the Texas Eminent Scholars Program. Title: S.B. 1841 Texas Eminent Scholars Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to a program that allows state institutions of higher education to match a scholarship offered to Texas students by out-of-state institutions. Title: H.B. 2867 Matching Scholarship Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for awarding of two-year New Century scholarships to students who complete requirements for associate degree by 9/1 of the year they graduate from high school. Title: S.B. 90 Incentives for Associate Degree Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends the Undergraduate and Vocational Incentive Scholarship Program, created in 1998 by legislation that included a reenactment clause; effectuates the necessary reenactment; clarifies that the scholarships are for students at public and private not-for-profit institutions of higher education in the commonwealth; limits scholarships to no more than three academic years; caps scholarship amounts. Title: H.B. 2189 Undergraduate and Vocational Incentive Scholarships Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
GIFTED AND TALENTED		
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Recognizes existence of Governor's Program for Gifted Children as state chartered school; provides for operation, governance, administration, location and funding for the program, for referral of students who are candidates for admission and for placement of the program in the Department of Education. Title: H.B. 1809 Governor's Program for Gifted Children Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides new requirements for identifying gifted students, including specific standards for identifying students with superior cognitive ability or superior ability in a specific academic area, creative thinking, or visual or performing arts. Requires each school board to develop a plan for the service of gifted students identified in the district and to submit that plan by 12/15/2000, to the Department of Education for review and analysis as to the plan's adequacy and funding requirements. Title: H.B. 282 Creates New Requirements for Identifying Gifted Students Source: <i>"Briefcase," Ohio School Boards Association, June 23, 1999</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes requirement for appointment of local advisory committee on gifted education which currently exists in regulation; requires local advisory committee's comments and recommendations on annual report on gifted education programs to be submitted directly to school board and superintendent. Title: H.B. 2415 Requires Appointment of Local Advisory Committee Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes Virginia Gifted Education Consortium to facilitate collaboration, cooperation and communication among school divisions to address issues of mutual concern regarding gifted education; provides for consortium to be composed of volunteer representatives of local school divisions, professional associations for the gifted, institutions of higher education, teachers, researchers, parents and advocates of gifted education. Title: S.B. 1200 Establishes Virginia Gifted Education Consortium Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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VT	Signed by governor Sep-98	Extends benefits of educational support team to gifted and talented students. Title: S.B. 127 Educational Support of Gifted and Talented Students Source: <i>Vermont Department of Education</i>
GOVERNANCE		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides that all meetings, formal or informal, special or regular, of governing bodies of all municipalities, counties, townships and school districts, or all boards, bureaus, commissions or organizations of the State of Arkansas, except grand juries, supported wholly or in part by public funds or expending public funds, shall be public meetings; relates to executive sessions and public officers. Title: S.B. 901 Sunshine Laws Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Pertains to the composition of the Higher Education Coordination Board. Title: H.B. 1959 Higher Education Coordination Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to the scope of the Joint Oversight Committee on Higher Education Reform to include all areas of education. Title: S.B. 826 Scope of Joint Oversight Committee on Higher Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends various testing requirements and deadlines for reports from the Department of Higher Education; requires the State Board of Education, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the State Board of Workforce Educational Career Opportunities to meet at least annually. Title: S.B. 443 Amends Testing Requirements and Deadlines Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Feb-99	Expands and clarifies the authority of boards of trustees of state-supported universities and colleges to transfer title to and lease property of the institution. Title: S.B. 599 Authority to Transfer Title and Lease Property Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Repeals the Florida Commission on Education Reform and Accountability. Title: H.B. 751, 753 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
HI	Died Oct-98	Proposes to amend the constitution by repealing the State Board of Education and replacing it with separate county boards. Establishes one county board each in the city and county of Honolulu and the counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai. Requires all members of county boards to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Requires Hawaii State Student Council to select one public high school student to serve as nonvoting member on each board. Title: S.B. 2208 Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate State Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Appropriates amount to superintendent of public instruction/State Department of Education for fiscal year 2000; limits number of full-time equivalent positions; provides legislative intent that funds may be used to assist in defraying expenses related to discharge of superintendent's official duties; reappropriates unexpended and unencumbered moneys to be used for development of exiting standards. Title: S.B. 1271 Creates Staffing Limits for State Department Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Eliminates sunset provision on authority of State Board of Education to accept credit from nonaccredited proprietary institutions. State board has developed by rule a system of standards that a nonaccredited institution would have to comply with before credits will be accepted. This bill will continue the Board's already existing authority in that area and continue standards set by the Board. Clarifies the authority of the State Board of Education to establish standards, procedures and criteria governing certain postsecondary institutions. Title: S.B. 1255 Authority of State Board of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Dec-98	Strikes provisions creating councils of the State Board of Education governing state institutions of higher education and public schools. Title: H.B. 29 Eliminates Councils of State Board of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor May-99	Enacts the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act; abolishes and reestablishes the state board of regents; prescribes powers, duties and functions; relates to the financing of postsecondary educational institutions. Title: S.B. 345 Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for the re-creation of the Department of Education and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; provides an effective termination date. Title: H.B. 1236 State Department of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Creates an educational facilities improvement district in certain parishes; provides that such districts shall be political subdivisions and shall be coterminous with the school district; provides for the selection of offices and appointments by the local school boards. Title: H.B. 1115 Creates Educational Facilities Improvement District Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor Feb-99	Requires the selection of a new School Superintendent; requires the School Superintendent to submit the budget to the Management Oversight Panel for comment. Title: H.B. 831 School Superintendent Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MI	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for appointment of reform school board by mayor in certain school districts. Title: S.B. 297 Appointment of Reform School Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MI	Signed by governor Jul-98	Provides appropriations for the Department of Education for fiscal year 1998-1999; prescribes powers and duties of specified state departments, school districts, and government bodies. Title: S.B. 910 Appropriations for Department of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Adds a student member to the State Board of Community Colleges. Title: H.B. 244 Adds Student to State Board of Community Colleges Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ND	Signed by governor Jan-99	Amends and reenacts sections of the Century Code; relates to higher education reports, powers and duties of the State board of higher education, and definitions for the tuition assistance grant program; repeals sections of the Century Code; relates to waiver of tuition for youth correctional center graduates, location of the University of North Dakota alumni building, annual faculty report to state board of higher education, and a dormitory at Mayville State University. Title: H.B. 1186 State Board of Higher Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to the membership of the state board of higher education; relates to assumption of jurisdiction over junior colleges, appointments and membership of the state board of higher education, and tax levies for the financing of residual or other junior college fiscal obligations. Title: S.B. 2215 State Board of Higher Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Eliminates the mandatory office of county superintendent of public instruction and replaces it with an optional office of county school administrator. Existing duties are eliminated or transferred, except that some duties may be continued by the county district administrator. Most are transferred to county clerks, county treasurers, and school district officials. Title: L.B. 272 County Superintendents Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NH	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides that, within a duly approved interstate school district, the New Hampshire Department of Education may enter into an agreement with another state for the purpose of determining which state shall be responsible for certifying education personnel, approving a high school, and participating in a statewide assessment program. Title: S.B. 230 Interstate School Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Jun-99	Permits an expedited procedure for the adoption of regulations by the Commissioner of Education in regard to the Abbott districts for the 1999-2000 school year. Title: S.B. 1976 Expediting Adoption of Regulations for Abbott Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Jun-98	Consolidates higher education student assistance entities including existing authority under one new authority. Title: A.B. 2217 Consolidates Student Assistance Entities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Portion of bill addresses governance. Superintendent of Public Instruction, currently appointed by the board to three-year term, may be removed for cause. Superintendent also required to prepare a biennial report on the condition of education in the state and ensure it is presented to the legislature. Title: S.B. 466 Authorizes Removal of Superintendent Source: <i>Nevada Legislative Research Division</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Directs State Board of Higher Education and State Board of Education to meet as joint boards of education for the purpose of reaching joint policy determinations; authorizes use of moneys appropriated from General Fund for student aid or other incentives that encourage resource sharing. Title: S.B. 868 Joint Boards of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides a strategic planning process for public and higher education; modified the duties and powers of the strategic Planning Committee in relation to its involvement with public and higher education strategic planning. Title: S.B. 114 Strategic Planning Process for Higher Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to compensation of the State Superintendent of Schools. Title: H.B. 202B Compensation of State Superintendent Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HEALTH		
CA	Vetoed Oct-99	Requires the State Allocation Board, by January 1, 2001, to adopt regulations to implement a pilot program to evaluate whether school sites are clean and free of all hazardous material. The program would involve 100 school sites. Title: A.B. 137 Requires Implementation of Pilot Program for Safe Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Oct-99	Revises and recasts related definitions, and would prohibit the governing board of a school district from approving a project for construction of a new school building unless a school district contracts with an environmental assessor to conduct a certified Phase 1 environmental assessment; a preliminary assessment report must be prepared if the Phase 1 assessment recommends that further investigation be conducted or if the Department of Toxic Substances Control so orders. Title: S.B. 162 Requires Environmental Assessment for New Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Vetoed Oct-99	Requires the State Department of Health Services to develop a manual regarding best management practices for achieving healthy indoor air quality in schools and distribute the manual to every school district. Requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation to facilitate the adoption of an integrated pest management program & develop criteria for California Schools to adopt a least hazardous pest control practices. Title: A.B. 1207 Healthy School Act of 1999 Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Vetoed Oct-99	Requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop standards and guidelines for protecting children's health at all school sites Requires the guidelines specifically to address the impacts of toxic exposure on children's health and learning abilities. Title: S.B. 993 Standards for Children's Health at School Sites Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
CA	Signed by governor Oct-99	Relates to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act, under which an eligible school district may receive funding for new construction of school facilities. Provides that in addition to this funding for new construction and subject to certain limitations, that funding may be provided for 50% of the cost of evaluation of hazardous materials, as defined, at a site to be acquired by the school district and for 50% of the response cost for removal of hazardous waste. Title: A.B. 387 Funding for Evaluation and Removal of Hazardous Materials Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Teenage mothers who participate in the CalSAFE will be able to complete their general education courses and receive prenatal and parenting education. Title: S.B. 1064 California School Age Families Education Program Source: "EDCAL"
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Provides grants to programs designed to prevent teenage pregnancy. Title: A.B. 2645 Extends Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program Source: "EDCAL"

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CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Enables continuation schools to provide parenting and pregnant students to enroll in independent study without being counted toward the 10% cap on independent study students. Title: A.B. 1736 Independent Study for Pregnant or Parenting Students Source: "EDCAL"
NJ	Signed by governor Jan-98	Establishes the Task Force on Diabetes and the Schools to develop guidelines on appropriate and efficient means of providing for the needs of students with Diabetes in the school setting; appropriates funds. Title: S.B. 90 Establishes Task Force on Diabetes and the Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Signed by governor Jul-99	Authorizes pupils afflicted with severe asthma to carry and use a prescribed inhaler during the school day if authorized by a physician or other health care provider. Title: A.B. 6909 Authorizes Use of Inhaler Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to student health centers for public school campuses. Title: H.B. 2202 Student Health Centers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Prohibits a school district employee from selling, marketing, or distributing, or endorsing or suggesting the ingestion, intranasal application or inhalation of, dietary supplements that contain performance-enhancing compounds to any elementary or secondary student with which the employee has contact as part of his/her employment. Imposes criminal penalties for violations. Title: H.B. 3420 Performing-Enhancing Compounds Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides that a school district may, if it identifies a need, create a school-based health center for the delivery of health care services for students and their families and may compete for state grants to assist with funding for the program. The center may only provide health services after receiving written consent from a parent. The categories of services could include family and home support; health care, including immunizations; dental care; health education; and preventive health strategies. Reproductive services, counseling or referrals may not be provided. "The commissioner of public health shall administer a program under which grants are awarded to assist school districts operating health centers. A school district grant may not exceed \$250,000 per biennium. The district must also provide matching funds for this program. Title: H.B. 2202 Authorizes School-Based Health Clinics Source: "Advocate," <i>Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i>
HOME SCHOOLING		
ND	Signed by governor Mar-99	Creates and enacts a new section to chapter 15.34.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; relates to participation in extracurricular activities by students receiving home education; amends and reenacts subsection 4 of section 15-34.1-06 of the North Dakota Century code; relates to home education. Title: S.B. 2199 Extracurricular Participation of Home-schooled Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Allows parents or legal guardians whose children are home schooled to choose between signing a previously-required statement that the requirements for approval and accreditation violate their sincerely held religious beliefs or a new statement that the requirements for approval and accreditation interfere with the decisions of the parents or legal guardians in directing their child's education. If they indicate non-religious reasons, the immunization requirements in Sec. 79-217 apply. Title: L.B. 268 Immunization Requirements for Home-schooled Children Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>

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OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Modifies examination requirements for children who are taught by parent, legal guardian, or private teacher; requires that children withdrawn from public school be tested within 18 months after withdrawal or prior to end of grade three if child never attended public school; requires additional testing if child's test score is below specified percentile; exempts children with disabilities from examination requirements; allows school district to adopt alternative requirements to exams. Title: H.B. 3013 Assessment Requirements of Home-schooled Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that nonpublic and home-school students who are enrolled in public schools on a less than full-time basis in any health education or physical course are to be included in average daily membership in the relevant school division on a pro rata basis as provided in the appropriation act. Title: H.B. 284 Home-schooled Students Enrolled in Health Education Classes Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
INFORMATION/KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT		
CA	Signed by governor Aug-98	Provides funds to provide students with access to up-to-date library resources. To receive funding, districts must create a districtwide school library plan approved by their local board. Funds are awarded on a per-student basis. Materials purchased must meet California's curriculum standards and frameworks. Title: A.B. 862 California Public School Library Act Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 21, 1998</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Enhances the comprehensive management information system to clarify that the system must be able to collect, via electronic transfer, all student and school performance data and produce a comprehensive annual report on school and district performance. Commissioner must prepare reports that include descriptions of performance of all schools participating in assessment program, including their major student populations. Reports must include the median scores of all students who scored at or in the lowest 25th percentile of the state in the prior year. Beginning with 1998-99 school year, annual report must identify schools as being "A" through "F", as defined by state board of education rule. Title: H.B. 751, 753, 755 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
NM	Signed by governor Jan-99	Enables counties and municipalities to contract and enter into joint and enter into joint powers agreements with other counties, municipalities, local school boards, postsecondary educational institutions and the library division of the office of cultural affairs for the furnishing of library services. Title: H.B. 15 Authorizes Joint Library Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
INTEGRATED SERVICES		
NY	Signed by governor Jun-99	Extends to 23 years the maximum duration of certain projects to provide improved and expanded school health services for pre-school and school-age children. Title: A.B. 6758 Extends Duration of School Health Services Projects Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
K-16		
OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Directs State Board of Higher Education and State Board of Education to meet as joint boards of education for the purpose of reaching joint policy determinations; authorizes use of moneys appropriated from General Fund for student aid or other incentives that encourage resource sharing. Title: S.B. 868 Joint Boards of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for the awarding of two-year New Century scholarships to students who complete the requirements for an associate degree by September 1 of the year they graduate from high school. Title: S.B. 90 Incentives for Associate Degree Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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KINDERGARTEN		
HI	Died Oct-98	Amends the age requirement for a child to attend kindergarten to be at least 5 years of age, to be more specifically determined by the Board of Education. Title: S.B. 2871 Amends Kindergarten Age Requirement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires a child under the age of 6 who attends kindergarten to be considered of compulsory school age. Title: H.B. 281 Compulsory School Age for Kindergarten Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor May-98	Intended to deal with increasing numbers of 4-year olds in kindergarten. Removes authority for underage children to attend kindergarten and first grade, eliminates income eligibility criteria for early childhood programs, and increases financing for districts offering early childhood programs. Title: H.B. 1657 Underage Children in Kindergarten Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Clarifies in standard 1 of standards of Quality (SOG) that school divisions offering half-day kindergarten programs are to adjust their average daily membership (ADM) for kindergarten to reflect 85% of the total kindergarten ADM, as in appropriation act. Title: H.B. 2141 Clarifies Computation of Average Daily Membership Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MAGNET SCHOOLS		
CT	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes changes in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program and in laws governing State and local charter schools, lighthouse schools and interdistrict magnet schools; provides for funding for school transportation for these schools. Title: H.B. 6950 Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MATHEMATICS		
WV	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to the establishment of a competitive grant "Mathematics Achievement Through Help" program; provides legislative intent and purposes; specifies priorities for grant awards; provides procedures for grant application and selection. Title: H.B. 3024 Creates Mathematics Achievement Through Help Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MENTORING		
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to establishing a mentor program at University of North TX. Title: H.B. 2806 Creates Mentor Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes an alternative middle school program; provides for implementation of the program; makes an appropriation. Title: H.B. 329 Establishes an Alternative Middle School Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MINORITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires state supported colleges and universities to establish programs to enhance the retention of minority students, faculty and staff; and for other purposes. Title: H.B. 1805 Retention of Minority Students, Faculty and Staff Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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MT	Signed by governor Feb-99	Implements the Montana Constitution regarding the State of Montana's recognition of the distinct and unique cultural heritage of American Indians and the State's commitment to establish educational goals that will preserve the cultural integrity of American Indians. Title: H.B. 528 Cultural Heritage of American Indians Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PARENT/FAMILY		
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Requires school districts to notify parents of their right to review classroom curricula and instructional materials. Also requires the information or materials to be made available reasonably soon, or in accordance with district school board procedures. Title: A.B. 1216 Requires Parental Notification Regarding Classroom Materials Source: <i>"Sacramento Education Legislative Letter"</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Requires school districts and governing boards to notify parents of K-12 students at the beginning of the school year of any sex education or instruction on AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases to be provided during the school year. Title: S.B. 1110 Notification of Sex and STD Instruction Source: <i>"Sacramento Education Legislative Letter"</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Adds administrators to the list of personnel subject to assessment procedure. Adds new criteria to assessment relating to performance of students as measured by state assessments and by local assessments for subjects and grade levels not included in state assessment program. Ability to communicate with parents criterion is strengthened by new language requiring establishment and maintenance of a positive collaborative relationship with students' families to increase student achievement. Provides for performance of students to be primary basis for assessment procedure. Employees assigned to "D" or "F" schools who are rated unsatisfactory must be tested and demonstrate their ability to pass an appropriate test of general knowledge, subject area expertise, or professional competencies. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires public school students and their parents or guardians to sign statements of compliance regarding certain commitments. Title: H.B. 1990 Statements of Compliance by Students and Parents Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MN	Signed by governor May-99	Amends section 125A.24 to change Parent Advisory Committees to Parent Advisory Councils and makes the establishment of such entities mandatory for school districts. Purpose is to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policymaking and decisionmaking. Must be incorporated into the district's special education system plan. May be established in cooperation with other districts; may set up as a subgroup of an existing board, council or committee; at least half of members must be parents of students with a disability. Title: S.B. 296/H.B. 483 Requires Districts to Create Parent Advisory Councils Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Jul-99	Increases the criminal penalty for making a bomb threat or perpetrating a hoax by placing a false bomb at school; makes parents civilly liable for children who do so; requires schools to suspend for 365 days students who do so; directs the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study the issue of students who make or carry out threats of violence at schools. Also directs State Board of Education to study the computation of dropout rates for the ABCs Program. Title: H.B. 517 Creates Parental Liability for Student Bomb Threats Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to written notice to certain parents of a public school student's unsatisfactory performance. Title: S.B. 858 Parental Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the requirement that parents participate in parenting courses and counseling in certain suits involving children. Title: H.B. 2441 Parenting Course Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to information provided to parents of students receiving special education. Title: S.B. 870 Providing Information to Parents of Special Education Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that a parent have access to a copy of questions to be asked of the parent's child in connection with surveys or tests which cause the child to reveal sensitive information. Title: H.B. 49 Requires Parental Notification of Certain Surveys or Tests Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes the Families in Education Incentive Grants Program and Fund, to be administered by the Board of Education, to support grants awarded on a competitive basis to public schools, with no more than two grants awarded per superintendent's region, to support innovative family and community involvement programs designed to facilitate parents' creation of a supportive learning environment at home and increased involvement in school activities. Title: H.B. 1270 Creates Families in Education Incentive Grants Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
POSTSECONDARY		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Allows reimbursement to Technical Institutes, Vocational Technical Schools, and other schools for expenses related to a student's participation in vocational service organizations; relates to disbursement of funds by the Department of Workforce Education. Title: S.B. 776 Authorizes Reimbursements for Participation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes the Task Force on Non-Baccalaureate Postsecondary Education. Title: S.B. 778 Creates Task Force Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires colleges to advise students and their parents or guardians of the increased risk of meningococcal disease in students who live in dormitories and of the availability of vaccination against such risk. Title: H.B. 2136 Requires Notification Regarding Meningococcal Disease Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor May-99	Enacts the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act; abolishes and reestablishes the state board of regents; prescribes powers, duties and functions; relates to the financing of postsecondary educational institutions. Title: S.B. 345 Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Authorizes a public postsecondary educational institution to make certain expenditures for advertising in furtherance of its functions and duties. Title: H.B. 499 Authorizes Expenditures for Advertising Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NE	Signed by governor May-99	Modified statutes affecting the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Changes include: requirement that Commission revise the comprehensive statewide plan and present it to the committee; new provisions to allow institutions to respond to requests from the commission by referring Commission to exact location of the information in reports previously filed; definition of coordination function using language from the Constitution; replacement of the commission's general authority to develop programs, activities or functions with a prohibition against programs, information requests, and institution requirements not authorized by the Constitution or Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act.; changing guidelines for admissions, enrollment, and tuition recommendations; modifying economic development provisions to create work force development provision; increase threshold for revenue bond construction projects requiring review; more restrictive timelines for program approval and disapproval; extension of Commission's authority to authorize out-of-state institutions and new private colleges; and others. Title: L.B. 816 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Creates committee to study funding of higher education in Nevada. Title: S.B. 443 Creates Committee to Study Funding of Higher Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor Jun-98	Establishes tax-deferred savings accounts for college. Eligible colleges include in-state and out-of-state, public and private, and vocational/technical. Eligible expenses include tuition, fees, books, supplies, and certain room-and-board expenses. Title: H.B. 2934 Oklahoma College Savings Plan Act Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
POSTSECONDARY--ACADEMIC ISSUES		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Pertains to postsecondary vocational and technical education. Title: S.B. 757 Vocational and Technical Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Aug-98	Amends the Board of Higher Education Act; creates the graduation incentive program to be implemented and administered by the Board of Higher Education; provides that from appropriations made to the Board for purpose of the program, the Board shall award grant incentives to public universities that offer their undergraduate students contracts under which the university commits itself to provide the courses to enable students to graduate in 4 years. Title: H.B. 2565 Creates Graduation Incentive Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PRIVATE SCHOOLS/COLLEGES		
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Relates to proprietary schools, provides relative licenses, authorizes certain advertising by an applicant school under certain circumstances, requires written approval; provides moneys received by an applicant school from prospective students prior to receipt of its proprietary school license, provides for effectiveness and related matters. Title: S.B. 1016 Proprietary Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Aug-98	Extends tax-exempt financing under the Higher Education Facilities Finance Act to private elementary and secondary school facilities. Title: S.B. 1556 Extends Tax-exempt Financing to Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the defining a private or independent institution of higher education; provides for accrediting by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Title: S.B. 1861 Accreditation of Private or Independent Institutions Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PRIVATIZATION		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends the Deceptive Trade Practices Act; defines certain terms; requires solicitors for advertisements on school calendars to make certain disclosures; relates to funds raised for the school and disclosures of the percentage or lack of receiving a percentage. Title: H.B. 2000 Requires Disclosures from School Calendar Advertisers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Aug-99	Prohibits the State Board of Education and local school district governing boards from adopting basic instructional materials, including illustrations, that contain unnecessary and inappropriate exposure to commercial brand names, products, or company logos. Title: A.B. 116 Prohibits Excessive Advertising in Instructional Materials Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that the Board of Trustees of any school district may purchase or lease, maintain and operate school buses and vans; provides vans shall not have a seating capacity in excess of fifteen persons; provides that school districts may enter into agreements or contracts for the use of a charter bus or buses. Title: H.B. 192 Authorizes School Bus Contracts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor May-99	Authorizes boards of education to enter into contracts with state education institutions and corporations controlled thereby for food service; amends and repeals the existing sections. Title: S.B. 361 Authorizes Food Service Contracts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
IL	Proposed Feb-99	Requires 5% of the money appropriated for Professional Development Block Grants to be used by the State Board of Education to award grants to school districts to encourage them to explore innovative programs for educating children with disabilities in regular education settings. Title: H.B. 1516 Requires Contribution to Special Education Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires professional development of teachers. Title: S.B. 110 Requires Teacher Professional Development Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Permits agencies that employ licensed educators to establish local professional development committees and requires the Department of Education under certain circumstances to retroactively approve professional development plans and coursework approved by the committees of educational service centers and county MR/DD boards since July 1, 1998. Requires the Legislative Office of Education Oversight to conduct a statewide assessment of professional development for educators in Ohio, to be completed by Nov. 15, 2000. Title: H.B. 282 Requires Statewide Assessment of Professional Development Source: <i>"Briefcase," Ohio School Boards Association, June 23, 1999</i>

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VA	Signed by governor May-99	Directs the Board of Education to include in its licensure regulations a requirement that on and after 7/1/2003, persons seeking initial licensure or license renewal as teachers demonstrate minimum proficiency in the use of educational technology; enforces standards 6 of the Standards of Quality to require local school boards to provide programs of professional development in educational technology for all instructional personnel. Title: H.B. 2263 Demonstration of Minimum Proficiency in Technology Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Establishes a state income tax deduction for 20% of the costs incurred by a licensed primary or secondary school teacher for tuition to attend required continuing teacher education courses. Title: S.B. 877 Tax Deduction for Attending Continuing Education Courses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PROMOTION/RETENTION/COMPLETION		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Repeals mandatory summer school for underperforming students in kindergarten through grade 3 (Section 6-16-703). Replaces it with: Students in K-3 not performing at grade level during the regular school year shall participate in a department of education approved remediation program or a summer school remediation program to be eligible for promotion to the next grade. Those schools electing to not offer a summer school program shall offer a department of education approved remediation program during the regular school year to students in kindergarten through grade three not performing at grade level. Title: H.B. 1212 Requires Remediation Program for Promotion Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires state supported colleges and universities to establish programs to enhance the retention of minority students, faculty and staff; and for other purposes. Title: H.B. 1805 Retention of Minority Students, Faculty and Staff Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Oct-98	Requires school districts to offer direct, systematic and intensive supplemental instruction to students in grades 2-9 who have been retained under local board policies as required by A.B. 1626. Districts may provide summer school, after-school, Saturday or intersession instruction to pupils with low math, reading or written expression scores. Title: A.B. 1639 Supplemental Instruction for Retained Pupils Source: <i>"Sacramento Education Legislative Letter"</i>
CA	Signed by governor Oct-98	Requires SBE's to approve a policy regarding promotion and retention of pupils. The policy should provide for identifying pupils who should be retained or who are at risk of being retained, who would then be eligible for supplemental instruction as required by A.B. 1639, signed concurrently. Title: A.B. 1626 Requires Policies on Promotion and Retention Source: <i>"Sacramento Education Legislative Newsletter"</i>
CT	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires local school boards to review and revise their promotion policies to ensure they foster student achievement, reduces social promotions, and provide help to failing students; uses Mastery Test scores to compile a list of schools that need improvements; requires development of school improvement plans to be monitored by local school boards; provides for grants to priority school districts. Title: H.B. 7043 Promotion Policies and School Improvement Plans Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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FL	Signed by governor May-99	<p>Students must receive remediation or may be retained with an intensive program that is different from the previous year's program and that takes into account the student's learning style. School boards may not assign a student to a grade level based solely on the student's age or other factors that constitute social promotion. They are directed to allocate remedial and supplemental instructional resources first to students who fail to meet achievement performance levels required for promotion. Requires the state board rules to specifically address the promotion of students with limited English and students with disabilities, and a school district to consider an appropriate alternative placement for a student who has been retained for 2 or more years.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: "Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</p>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Authorizes student assessment standards for student promotion and graduation in the public schools; defines standards for the implementation of a performance-based accreditation system for individual schools and school districts; requires any school district under a conservatorship to reimburse the State Department of Education for the salary and other actual costs related to the duties of the conservator.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 2156 Student Promotion and Accreditation Standards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Allows a school board to opt not to promote to the next grade level any student who does not take any required proficiency test and who does not take a make-up test.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 282 Authorizes Testing Requirements for Student Promotion (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Creates assessments for student promotion, beginning the 2002-03 school year, requiring third-graders to pass the third-grade reading assessment to be promoted to the fourth grade. Starting in the 2004-05 school year, fifth-graders who perform unsatisfactorily on the fifth-grade math assessment may not be promoted to the sixth grade. Eighth-graders who fail to perform satisfactorily on the eighth-grade reading and math assessments during the 2007-08 school year will not be promoted to the ninth grade. Students must be afforded at least two additional opportunities to take the assessments.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 4 Requires Assessments for Promotion (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: "Advocate," <i>Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i></p>
READING		
CA	Signed by governor Apr-99	<p>Establishes Elementary School Intensive Reading Program to provide instruction for up to 10 percent of 400 schools' K-4 students, including classes during the summer, between sessions, on Saturday, or after school. Also includes connection with teacher preparation programs, Public Involvement Reading Campaign and \$5,000 grants to K-8 schools whose students read the greatest number of approved books, among other criteria.</p> <p>Title: A.B. 2A Elementary School Intensive Reading Program Source: "EdSource," <i>May 1999</i></p>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Identifies the "Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Skills Plan" as the skills reference document, requires a reading assessment in kindergarten through third grade with follow-up interventions for students with special needs; provides legislative intent.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 176 Requires K-3 Reading Assessment Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>

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ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Adds to existing law to establish an extended year reading intervention program for students in kindergarten through third grade who are below grade level in reading; provides that the costs of the program including a transportation allowance, will be reimbursed to the district by the state. Title: H.B. 178 Establishes Reading Intervention Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Feb-98	Permits school districts participating in the Reading Improvement Block Program to use assessment methods other than the reading portion of the IGAP tests to measure student reading skills; provides that districts not demonstrating performance progress using an approved assessment method shall not be eligible for subsequent funding until such progress is established. Title: H.B. 2887 Reading Improvement Block Grant Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires the State Department of Education to adopt pilot programs for the testing of dyslexia in the public schools; extends the repealer on the dyslexia testing pilot programs. Title: H.B. 539 Requires Pilot Programs to Test Dyslexia Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor Mar-99	Implements the OhioReads initiative through the creation of classroom and community reading grants, establishes the Ohio Schools Best Practices Center, the OhioReads Office and the OhioReads Council and abolishes the Council on July 1, 2004, and makes an appropriation. Title: H.B. 1 Implements the OhioReads Initiative Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor Jun-98	The Act is intended to ensure that students can read at grade level by the completion of 3rd grade. The modifications add kindergarten as a grade at which skills must be assessed, clarifies that after-school tutoring does not count towards the 180 school day per year requirement, specifies the elements of reading instruction to be included in assessment plans, and calls for a Reading Report Card for each elementary site. Title: H.B. 2878 Modifies Reading Sufficiency Act Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires State Board of Education to include instructional materials on phonics on statewide list of adopted instructional materials; requires school districts to provide instructional materials on phonics to teachers. Title: H.B. 3305 Requires Phonics Materials to be Included on Statewide List Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the disposition of the proceeds from the Read to Succeed license plate. Title: H.B. 3551 Proceeds from Read to Succeed License Plate Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to grants in support of pre-reading instruction. Title: S.B. 955 Grants for Pre-Reading Instruction Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes a reading performance improvement awards program in the states public elementary schools; provides for annual amount awards to selected schools; requires the state board of education to make rules regarding application and award procedures. Title: H.B. 75 Incentives for Reading Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for a literacy program to assist children in acquiring literacy skills; provides for the Commission on National and Community Service to establish a community volunteer training program to assist schools in implementing literacy programs; provides for information kits to parents of new-born infants on the development of emerging literacy skills; provides for a public service campaign to educate parents on the importance of emerging reading development. Title: H.B. 8 Establishes Literacy Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for the establishment of a reading skills development center at the University of Utah; provides that the center assist school districts identifying assessing and providing instructional intervention programs for students with reading difficulties; provides for a professional teacher development program; provides for a specified appropriation for the center. Title: H.B. 63 Establishes Reading Skill Development Center Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes a reading achievement program in the state's public schools with a specific emphasis on grades one through three; requires the establishment of standards, expectations, assessments, and a common method of track student reading achievement. Title: H.B. 312 Creates Reading Achievement Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
RELIGION		
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Removes restriction that school prayer must be silent. Title: H.B. 2123 School Prayer Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor May-99	Clarifies provision regarding prohibition of nonsecular activities in public schools. Title: S.B. 289 Nonsecular Activities in Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
REMEDATION		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Repeals mandatory summer school for underperforming students in kindergarten through grade 3 (Section 6-16-703). Replaces it with: Students in K-3 not performing at grade level during the regular school year shall participate in a department of education approved remediation program or a summer school remediation program to be eligible for promotion to the next grade. Those schools electing to not offer a summer school program shall offer a department of education approved remediation program during the regular school year to students in kindergarten through grade three not performing at grade level. Title: H.B. 1212 Requires Remediation Program for Promotion Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Revises provision regarding funding for college-preparatory classes; relates to district inter-institutional articulation agreements; authorizes the provision of performance incentive funds for the effective implementation of remedial reduction plans; provides that inter-institutional articulation agreements include a plan outlining the mechanisms and strategies for improving the preparation of elementary, middle, and high school teachers. Title: S.B. 1794 Remedial Reduction Plans and Articulation Agreements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires summer school be offered to all students who fail the state tests required for promotion to 5th and 9th grades and provides for the funding of such programs. Title: S.B. 249 Requires Offering of Summer School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Requires that the Board of Education contract, with such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, for the development or purchase of interactive educational software designed as tutorials to improve achievement on the Standards of Learning assessments.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 2480 Purchase of Interactive Educational Software Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Requires the Board of Education to promulgate emergency regulations for establishing standards for remediation programs; requires school divisions to evaluate their remediation programs, annually, in terms of the pass rate on the Standards of Learning tests.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 2056 Requires Standards for Remediation Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>

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SAFETY/CRIME/VIOLENCE		
AK	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to school crisis response planning. Title: S.B. 125 Crisis Response Planning Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AK	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to required safety equipment on school buses. Title: H.B. 216 School Bus Safety Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes the Juvenile Information Act; relates to confidentiality of juvenile records; provides juvenile arrest information to law enforcement agencies; requires notice to school officials concerning juveniles adjudicated as delinquent for Class A or Class B felonies; gives judges discretion to provide notice for all other crimes; requires fingerprints, photographs, and DNA samples of a child who has been taken into custody for an alleged delinquent act. Title: H.B. 491 Creates Juvenile Information Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999; relates to public and nonpublic school employees and applicants with unsupervised access to children; relates to criminal background checks and costs for checks. Title: H.B. 402 Creates Alabama Child Protection Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AL	Became law without governor's signature May-99	Creates the school violence joint interim Legislative Committee. Title: S.J.R. 45 Creates School Violence Legislative Committee Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends the Leave of Absence for Personal Injury Law; relates to teachers who suffer personal injury as a result of intervening in student fights, restraining a student or protecting a student from harm; relates to assault and other crimes. Title: H.B. 2064 Pertains to Teachers Suffering Personal Injury Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Prohibits firearms on school property, school buses or school bus stops. Title: H.B. 1935 Prohibits Possession of Firearms Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Authorizes teachers to remove students from class in order to maintain effective discipline in the classroom. Title: H.B. 1880 Authorizes Removal of Students from Class Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires school principals to report all threats of violence or acts of violence on school property. Title: S.B. 259 Requires Reporting of Violence on School Property Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Allows After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Programs to operate off-campus. Allows programs to be conducted at a community park or recreation area, if the area is adjacent to the school site. Title: A.B. 566 After School Programs Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>

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CA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides \$100 million in new school safety block grants to school districts. Districts may use the funds in grades 8012 to hire counselors or other staff trained in violence prevention, to purchase school safety equipment such as fencing or metal detectors, or to implement school safety plans developed in cooperation with local law enforcement organizations. Title: A.B. 1113 Funds New School Safety Block Grants Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
CA	Proposed Mar-99	Requires the superintendent of Public Instruction, in cooperation with the Attorney General, to adopt a system that will shield the identity and provide to pupils who report the presence of firearms on school campuses that offer instruction in kindergarten and any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Title: A.B. 800 Requires Protection of Students Reporting Firearms Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Proposed Feb-99	Establishes the Preventing Crime Through Graduation Incentives Pilot Project, to be administered by the State Department of Education, whereby 6 nonprofit organizations would be awarded grants to operate projects at secondary schools; provides 250 hours of each of the following to each participating randomly selected pupil each year: basic skills in education, cultural enrichment and personal development activities, and volunteer community service opportunities. Title: A.B. 832 Preventing Crime Through Graduation Incentives Pilot Project Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Proposed Feb-99	Requires an unspecified entity to facilitate and coordinate an interagency task force of all agencies providing violence prevention programs for at-risk youth for specified purposes. Title: S.B. 752 Creates Interagency Task Force on Violence Prevention Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Proposed Feb-99	Establishes School Violence response and Intervention Act of 1999 and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to appoint a Crisis Intervention and Response Task Force of which the superintendent shall be the chairperson, comprised of educators, health practitioners, and members of the law enforcement committee, each with expertise in school-based crisis intervention and response, to make appropriate policy recommendations. Title: A.B. 1366 Creates School Violence Response and Intervention Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Aug-98	Creates the After-School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Program for elementary, middle and junior-high schools. Minimum grants of \$75,000 will be granted to certain projects, which must meet at least three hours every school day, maintain fewer than 20 students per staffer, and receive an in-kind match from local districts, government agencies or local community organizations. Also contained in A.B. 1428, A.B. 2284. Title: S.B. 1756 After-School Programs Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 7, 1998</i>
CA	Signed by governor Aug-98	See S.B. 1756 for description. Program also enacted in A.B. 2284. Title: A.B. 1428 After-School Programs Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 7, 1998</i>
CO	Signed by governor May-99	Adds the reduction of dropout rates in secondary schools to the purposes of the existing youth crime prevention and intervention program to create the youth crime and student dropout prevention and intervention program board who have knowledge and awareness of student issues, including the causes of student dropout in secondary schools. Title: S.B. 51 Reduction of Dropout Rates Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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CT	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires school violence prevention program for public and private secondary school students charged with an offense involving the use or threat of physical violence on school grounds or at school events; provides for suspension of juvenile proceedings pending participation in such a program by offender. Title: S.B. 1352 Requires School Violence Prevention Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Signed by governor Jun-99	Regulates the sale, possession and use of laser pointers to people under 18 years of age; prohibits the possession of laser pointers on school grounds or in any public place; provides for temporary transfer of pointers for educational or other lawful purpose to minors under supervision; prohibits pointing of device in a manner meant to harass or cause fear; provides for penalties; provides exceptions. Title: H.B. 6975 Regulates Laser Pointers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DE	Signed by governor Jul-98	Requests the Department of Education to conduct an analysis and review of current student discipline programs and to make recommendations to improve current practices if necessary. Title: H.J.R. 25 Requires Review of Student Discipline Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
GA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to student codes of conduct in elementary and secondary schools; requires student codes of conduct include provisions addressing verbal assault, physical assault or battery, and disrespectful conduct toward teachers, administrators, other school personnel, other students, and persons attending school related functions; provides for distribution of student codes of conduct in conjunction with student handbooks and for parents' and guardians' acknowledgments of receipt. Title: S.B. 49 Student Codes of Conduct Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
GA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to loitering at or disrupting elementary and secondary schools; changes provisions relating to school safety plans; requires private schools to prepare school safety plans; requires that school safety plans address preparedness for certain accidents, acts of violence and acts of terrorism. Title: S.B. 74 School Safety Plans Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
GA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to prohibitions and criminal penalties for carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property; includes razor blades within the definition of the term weapons. Title: H.B. 84 Penalties for Carrying Weapons Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Signed by governor Jul-98	Allows Superintendent of Education or other individuals designated pursuant to board of education rules to suspend students found with dangerous weapons, switchblade knives, intoxicating liquor or illicit drugs. Provides that the provision shall apply if a suspension is for less than ten days. Requires the Board of Education to adopt rules to implement the provisions in the bill. Authorizes the superintendent to expel student until such time as the board adopts the rules. Title: H.B. 2837 Allows Suspension of Students with Weapons Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Aug-99	Makes changes concerning a school safety assessment audit and safety plan, a school resource officer grant program, teachers institutes concerning anti-violence and conflict resolution programs, requiring a school official to report certain felonies and misdemeanors. Title: H.B. 878 School Safety Assessment Audit and Safety Plan Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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IL	Signed by governor Jul-99	Amends the Safe School Law in the school code; allows the regional superintendent of schools or school district to contract with third parties for any services otherwise performed by employees and to apply for waivers or modifications of mandates of the School Code or administrative rules. Title: H.B. 1811 Amendments to Safe School Law Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes a grant program to be known as the Safe to Learn Program; Provides that funds appropriated for this program shall be used to support and fund school-based safety and violence prevention programs with funds being used for demonstration and evaluation of comprehensive pre-kindergarten through 12th grade program in 3 pilot sites. Title: H.B. 1193 Establishes Safe to Learn Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Feb-99	Creates the School Community Policing Partnership Act to provide financial assistance to school districts to ensure safe, secure, and peaceful school campuses through the use of a community policing approach to school crime and safety issues; creates the School Community Policing Partnership Grant Program to be administered by the State Board of Education through a School and Law Enforcement Partnership; sets other provisions. Title: H.B. 1417 Creates School Community Policing Partnership Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Jul-98	Amends the criminal Code of 1961; increases from a Class A misdemeanor to Class 4 felony, the possession with the intent to use unlawfully against another person of a dagger, dirk, billy, dangerous knife, razor, or other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of like character in a school, public housing property, public park, courthouse, or a public way within 1,000 feet of any of these properties; extends term sentence upon an offender. Title: S.B. 1427 Increases Penalty for Possession of Weapons Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to definitions of weapons under the Weapon-Free Schools Act, relates to pupils and expulsion; provides for suspension of driver's license. Title: S.B. 38 Weapons, Expulsions and Suspensions of Driver's Licenses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides with regard to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons on school campuses or buses. Title: H.B. 421 Carrying Weapons on Campuses or Buses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Prohibits school administrators from certain involvement in the disciplining of pupils when a member of the administrator's immediate family is involved; provides for the authority of school administrators to discipline pupils in specified circumstances; provides limitations; provides alternatives; provides for effectiveness; provides definitions. Title: H.B. 881 Authority of School Administrators to Discipline Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides relative to a crime committed on school property, at a school sponsored function, or within a firearm free zone. Title: S.B. 1078 Crimes Committed at School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Relates to student codes of conduct; requires compliance with existing rules, regulations and policies; requires each city and parish school board to adopt a student code of conduct. Title: H.B. 604 Student Codes of Conduct Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides relative to discipline policies of school boards and schools; requires the policy to be reviewed at least annually. Title: H.B. 1164 Requires Discipline Policies to be Reviewed Annually Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires certain conduct by students in public schools. Title: S.B. 1098 Requirements for Student Conduct Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Clarifies that expulsion hearings are to "determine the facts of the case and make a finding of whether or not the student is guilty of conduct warranting a recommendation of expulsion." Also clarifies that at the conclusion of the hearing, there must be a "finding that the student is guilty of conduct warranting expulsion." Title: S.B. 605 Relates to Expulsion Hearings Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Died May-99	Urges and requests the governor of the state to launch an initiative on violence in schools. Title: S.C.R. 112 Initiative on Violence in Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor Feb-99	Prohibits the use of the laser pointers under certain circumstances; provides exceptions to the prohibition on the use of laser pointers; and provides a penalty for violating provisions. Title: S.B. 568 Prohibits Use of Laser Pointers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor May-99	Creates the Maine Community Policing Institute Surcharge Fund; establishes fund by collecting an additional 2% surcharge on every fine, forfeiture or penalty imposed by any court in the state; allocates funds collected to the Department of Education for support of the Maine Community Policing Institute at the University of Maine in Augusta. Title: H.B. 1326 Establishes Community Policing Institute Surcharge Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor May-99	Requires the Commissioner of Education to develop statewide standards of responsible and ethical student behavior; requires local school boards to adopt a student code of conduct for their students; develops a response plan for violent or potentially violent situations; adopts a policy that authorizes a teacher to send a student from a classroom to the principal's office and school bus driver to recommend revocation of privilege of riding school bus. Title: H.B. 1250 Standards and Codes of Student Conduct Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor May-99	Requires that when a petition has been filed against a juvenile for an offense that alleges the use or threatened use of physical force against a person or when a juvenile has been adjudicated as having committed such an offense, the district attorney shall provide to the superintendent of the juvenile's school or the superintendent's designees the name of the juvenile and other specified information about the charges. Title: S.B. 578 Notification of Petition Against Juvenile Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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MN	Signed by governor May-99	To suspend a student with a disability, the student's individual education plan team must meet immediately but not more than ten school days after the date on which the decision to remove the student from the student's current education placement is made. The team must conduct a review of the relationship between the child's disability and the behavior subject to disciplinary action; and determine the appropriateness of the child's education plan. Applies if (1) parent requests a meeting; (2) student is removed for 5 or more consecutive days; or (3) days of removal from placement exceed ten cumulative days in a school year. To expel or exclude a pupil with a disability, must review the student's individual education plan and conduct a review of the relationship between the disability and behavior to determine the appropriateness of the education plan before commencing the expulsion or exclusion. Changes ages of service from age 3 to age 22 to 3 to age 21. Describes due process/dispute resolution process for parent complaints that include any state, county, or city government agencies responsible for providing services to students with disabilities. Title: S.B. 296/H.B. 483 Discipline of Special Education Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MN	Proposed Mar-99	Establishes a grant program to prevent violence through the creation and development of songs, performances and educational resources. Title: S.B. 1373 Establishes Grant Program to Prevent Violence Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MT	Signed by governor Feb-99	Authorizes an interim study of methods for a state law alternative method for firearms records checks of purchasers; reserves the state the governmental right to sue firearms and ammunitions manufacturers, trade, associates, and dealers, to the state in certain types of cases; revises firearms laws relating to records checks of purchasers, concealed weapons permits, silencers, and possession of weapon in a school building with the purpose to commit a criminal offense. Title: H.B. 566 Penalties for Possession of Weapons in School Buildings Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MT	Signed by governor Jan-99	Establishes drug free and crime free schools; requires the youth court to notify a school when a juvenile probation officer has a reason to believe that a youth is currently involved in drug use or other criminal activity; provides for the safety of the children; authorizes a school to provide youth court and law enforcement authorities with education records that pertain to pupil violators of the Montana Youth Court Act or criminal laws. Title: H.B. 310 Establishes Drug Free and Crime Free Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Jul-99	Increases the criminal penalty for making a bomb threat or perpetrating a hoax by placing a false bomb at school; makes parents civilly liable for children who do so; requires schools to suspend for 365 days students who do so; directs the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study the issue of students who make or carry out threats of violence at schools. Also directs State Board of Education to study the computation of dropout rates for the ABCs Program. Title: H.B. 517 Creates Parental Liability for Student Bomb Threats Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes it a felony for a school employee to possess a firearm on educational property; makes it a felony for a student or school employee to have a firearm at a curricular or extracurricular activity sponsored by the school. Title: S.B. 1096 Creates Felony for Firearm Possession Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Makes it a Class A1 misdemeanor to assault a school employee or volunteer when he or she is discharging duties, or as a result of discharge of duties; defines duties. Title: S.B. 637 Creates Misdemeanor for Assaulting Personnel Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NC	Signed by governor May-99	Authorizes the establishment of campus law enforcement agencies at constituent institutions of the community college system. Title: H.B. 477 Establishes Campus Law Enforcement Agencies Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Adds a new section to the Student Discipline Act. Prohibits students who have been expelled from any public, private, denominational, or parochial school from enrolling in a public school until the terms of the expulsion have been completed, unless the school board of the enrolling district approves the enrollment by a majority vote. Includes expulsions from schools in any state. Boards are allowed to require attendance in an alternative school until terms of expulsion are completed. Title: L.B. 195 Enrollment Approval Under Student Discipline Act Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for the detention of a child who possesses a firearm on school premises; enacts a section of the Children's Code. Title: H.B. 231 Requires Detention for Possession of Firearm Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes various changes regarding provision of police services in certain public schools. Title: A.B. 376 Police Services in Public Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to establish a pilot project for alternative programs of education for disruptive pupils; requires certain selected schools to participate in the pilot project and establish alternative programs of education for disruptive pupils; makes an appropriation. Title: A.B. 521 Requires Pilot Project for Alternative Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Creates Commission on School Safety and Juvenile Violence. Title: A.B. 686 Creates School Violence Commission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor May-99	Prohibits hazing at high schools, colleges and universities in this state. Title: S.B. 297 Prohibits Hazing Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Proposed Apr-99	Authorizes suspension of disruptive pupils by school district and removal of such pupils from classroom by teachers; requires school districts to adopt a code of conduct while pupils are on school district property; requires the Commissioner of Education to develop an interpersonal violence prevention education package; establishes violent felonies relating to use and sale of a firearm on school grounds. Title: S.B. 5535 Authorizes Suspension of Disruptive Pupils Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes a task force on school violence; provides the task force shall study and report to the Governor on a practical plan of action to address the growing trend of violence and disruptive conduct in our schools and to promote a safe learning environment for all children and school personnel. Title: Executive Order 9 Creates Task Force on School Violence Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NY	Proposed Mar-99	Enacts education and juvenile justice reform measures; enacts the Safe School/Safe Children Act; improves school safety, enacts the Parent/Child School Visitation Act; establishes the Omnibus School Violence prevention Grant Program Whereby the Commissioner of Education may award such grant for the following: school safety and violence prevention programs, extended day activity programs, and comprehensive school intervention programs. Title: A.B. 6899 Safe School/Safe Children Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Proposed Feb-99	Requires that metal detectors be placed at entrance in eligible school buildings for a minimum of two years; defines "eligible school building" as schools with a history of weapons within the school; provides that the cost of purchase, maintenance and training be allocated equally between the state and the local school district. Title: S.B. 2237 Requires Metal Detectors in Certain Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Signed by governor Aug-98	Provides that a person otherwise eligible for the School Tax Relief (STAR) property tax exemption will not be denied the exemption if such person becomes 65 after the appropriate taxable status date and before December 31st of the same year. Title: S.B. 7058 School Tax Relief Eligibility Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Signed by governor Jul-98	Provides for juvenile offenders status (youth 14 or 15 years old) for criminal possession of a loaded firearm on school grounds or for possession of a machine gun or loaded firearm on school grounds with intent to use the same unlawfully against another. Title: S.B. 6243 Criminal Possession of Loaded Firearm Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor May-99	Creates uniform school safety law; strengthens Ohio's expulsion and suspension laws. Title: S.B. 1 Uniform School Safety Law Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor Apr-98	Clarifies that the school district policy may specify that appeals of suspension for 10 days or less may be to a local committee of educators, as opposed to the district board of education. Title: H.B. 2335 Clarifies Suspension Appeals Process Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires district school board to enforce consistently and fairly written rules on pupil conduct and discipline; specifies exemption for child who is eligible for special education. Title: H.B. 3585 Requires Enforcement of Rules on Student Discipline Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Vetoed Jul-99	Requires school district boards to adopt Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program for students in kindergarten through grade 6; requires public schools that discontinue Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program to implement other approved firearm safety education programs. Title: S.B. 887 Requires Adoption of Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires district school boards to develop policies on children who threaten violence or harm; specifies content of policy; requires school districts to notify parents of threatened students and certain targeted persons; confers immunity from civil claims that arise from notification; requires board to allocate any funds necessary to implement policy. Title: H.B. 3444 Requires Parental Notification of Threatened Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires employee of public school district, education service district or private school to report any person who unlawfully possesses or has possessed within previous 120 days, firearm or destructive device while in school; requires law enforcement agency to conduct investigation; requires detention of youth if probable cause exists to believe youth unlawfully possessed firearm or destructive device on public property; requires court to make determination. Title: S.B. 344 Requires Employees to Report Firearms Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes the Safe and Secure Schools Program to assist school districts and area vocational-technical schools in the purchase of security equipment, provision of special services and in the development of programs to enhance school safety. Provides for duties of the Department of Education. Title: H.B. 456 Creates Safe and Secure Schools Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PA	Proposed May-99	Establishes the Student Anti-violence Education Grant Program. Provides for duties of the Department of Education. Makes an appropriation. Title: S.B. 942 Creates Anti-violence Education Grant Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PA	Proposed Feb-99	Amends the Public School Code. Further provides for defacing, injuring or destroying property used for school purposes, for authority of teachers and vice principals, for possession of weapons, for penalties for violation of compulsory attendance requirements, for safe schools and for reporting of certain incidents. Provides for notice of arrest, for violence prevention plans, for juvenile crime programs and for youth service centers. Title: H.B. 614 Amends School Violence Laws Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
PA	Proposed Jan-99	Requires all school districts to develop a comprehensive school violence prevention plan. Title: H.B. 172 Requires School Violence Prevention Plans Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
RI	Became law without governor's signature Jun-99	Provides a description of the education program provided to each student suspended for over then (10) consecutive school days in a school year in a report on school discipline presented annually to the general assembly. Title: H.B. 6241 Education Program for Suspended Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires placement of students in temporary custody for certain weapons violations on school premises. Title: H.B. 1229 Weapons Violations on School Premises Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides that a student may be expelled for a physical assault against a school employee or volunteer that results in a bodily injury. The assault may occur on or off school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity. Title: S.B. 260 School Employee Protection Against Student Assault Source: <i>"Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i>
VA	Signed by governor May-99	Provides for mandatory period of incarceration of 2 days when the object of a battery is a teacher, principal or guidance counselor and 6 months mandatory incarceration if a gun or other weapon prohibited on school property is used. Title: H.B. 2445 Requires Mandatory Incarceration Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Modifies the "zero tolerance" law, which mandates 1 year expulsions for students bringing weapons on school property or to school-sponsored events, to permit school boards, by regulation, to authorize the division superintendent or his designee to conduct a preliminary review of such cases to determine whether a disciplinary action other than expulsion is appropriate.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 1136 Modifies Zero Tolerance Law Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Authorizes local school boards to regulate the use or possession of laser pointers by students on school property or attending school functions or activities and establish disciplinary procedures for violations.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 1894 Authorizes Regulation of Laser Pointers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Requires licensed school personnel who have reason to believe that a student is considering suicide to immediately contact at least one of the student's parents to ask whether the parent is aware of the student's mental state and whether the parent wishes to or already has obtained counseling for the student; provides that parental contact will not be made if the student indicates parental abuse as the reason for contemplating suicide.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 1250 Requires Parental Notification of Suicide Risk Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Establishes, from such funds as may be appropriated, the School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund; provides that the Criminal Justice Services Board is to disburse on moneys from the Fund to award matching grants to school boards to employ uniformed school resource officers (SROs) in secondary schools to be employed to help ensure safety and to prevent violence in schools; requires the Board to establish criteria for making grants from the Fund.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 1445 Establishes School Resource Officer Grants Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Requires, in addition to the already required school safety audits, that school boards ensure that each school develops a school crisis and emergency management plan.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 827 Requires School Crisis Plan Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Provides that any person convicted of possessing firearm on school ground with the intent to use it, or displaying it in a threatening manner, possession after being convicted of a violent possession of firearms and drugs with intent to sell, shall not be eligible for probation and shall be sentenced to a minimum, mandatory term of imprisonment of 5 years, which shall not be suspended in whole or in part and which shall be served consecutively with any other sentence.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 1691 Creates Penalties for Possession of Firearm Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Provides that students are to be expelled from school attendance for possession of drugs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity; permits school boards, by regulation, to authorize the division superintendent or his designee to conduct a preliminary review of such cases to determine whether a disciplinary action other than expulsion is appropriate.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 2144/S.B. 1135 Requires Expulsion for Drug Possession Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VT	Proposed May-99	<p>Establishes a task force on truancy and safe learning environment.</p> <p>Title: H.J.R. 124 Creates Safety Task Force Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>

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VT	Proposed Feb-99	Provides a safe learning environment in Vermont public schools through learning opportunities, prevention strategies, the affirmative education programs, effective discipline policies and community wide training; protects students and school personnel from the use of dangerous weapons on school properties. Title: H.B. 270 Safe Learning Environment Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VT	Signed by governor Sep-98	In a delinquency proceeding involving a serious offense, the victim must be notified of the juvenile's release conditions. Also, the superintendent of schools or the headmaster of an independent school must be notified if the court finds a juvenile committed a serious offense. There are significant penalties for violating confidentiality provisions regarding the release of information on juveniles. Title: S.B. 88 Requires Notification of Delinquency Source: <i>Vermont Department of Education</i>
WA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Provides that when a student who has attended a school district and enrolls another district the enrolling school may request the parent and the student to briefly indicate in writing whether or not the student has history of violent behavior, requires parent to provide to schools information requested under this act; provides that if parent fails to provide the requested information the student may be suspended, transferred or expelled. Title: H.B. 1153 Authorizes Schools to Request Student History Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WV	Signed by governor Apr-99	Pertains to the powers of college campus security and police; relates to extending law-enforcement powers to include certified law-enforcement officers at state institutions of higher learning and requires that the law enforcement officer of state institutions of higher learning be certified as law-enforcement officers. Title: H.B. 2471 Law Enforcement Powers of College Police Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WV	Signed by governor Mar-99	Relates to requiring the state board to promulgate anti-hazing rules for public school-sponsored student organizations. Title: S.B. 588 Requires Adoption of Anti-Hazing Rules Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SCHEDULING/SCHOOL CALENDAR		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Request the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education to conduct a study of instituting year-round school for public schools or instituting alternative sessions of public schools in order to extend the school year. Title: H.C.R. 1012 Requires Study on Extending School Year Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Aug-98	Extends school year for K-12 to 180 days. Eliminates the 8 days of staff development, provides funding for up to three days for optional staff development for certified teachers and one day for instructional aides. Title: S.B. 1193 Extends School Year Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 7, 1998</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-98	Implements the recommendations of the Legislative study Commission on Public Schools to encourage local boards of education to provide year-round schools. Title: H.B. 1478 Encourages Boards to Provide Year-round Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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SCHOOL BOARDS/CAMPUS BOARDS		
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Proposes a constitutional amendment which, subject to voter approval at an authorizing referendum election, would permit the Legislature by local law to provide for an elected city board of education in any municipality with a city board of education. Title: S.B. 13 Constitutional Amendment on Elected Boards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides that as otherwise specifically provided by law, all meetings, formal or informal, special or regular, of the governing bodies of all municipalities, counties, townships, and school districts on all boards, bureaus, commissions, or organizations of the State of Arkansas, except grand juries, supported wholly or in part by public funds or expending public funds, shall be public meetings; relates to executive sessions and public officers. Title: S.B. 901 Sunshine Laws Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Eliminates county boards of education; relates to the Director of the Department of Education; eliminates obsolete sections. Title: S.B. 619 Eliminates County Boards of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Clarifies that boards of two-year colleges have the statutory authority to set tuition and fees. Title: H.B. 2163 Authorizes Boards to Set Tuition and Fees Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Feb-99	Expands and clarifies the authority of boards of trustees of state-supported universities and colleges to transfer title to and lease property of the institution. Title: S.B. 599 Authority to Transfer Title and Lease Property Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Mar-99	Relates to the resignation of School Board Members under certain circumstances; requires school board members to reside in the school district and zone from which elected while serving on the school board; relates to other purposes. Title: H.B. 1144 Requires Board Members to Reside in District Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DE	Died Oct-98	Increases the compensation to State School Board members to \$100 per day not to exceed 15 days (\$1500) per calendar year. Enables local school board members to be compensated at the rate \$100 per meeting attended not to exceed \$1500 in any calendar year upon appropriation therefor. Title: H.B. 405 Increase State Board Pay Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
GA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Reconstitutes the Board of Education of Atkinson County; changes the compensation of the members of the board of education. Title: H.B. 884 Reconstitutes Atkinson County Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Feb-99	Amends the acts relating to the governance of Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governor's State University, Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University and Western Illinois University. Provides that members appointed to the Board shall continue to serve in such capacity until their successors are appointed and qualified. Amends the Public Community College Act. Title: H.B. 2805 Governance of Community College Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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IL	Signed by governor Jan-98	Relates to board of education elections; provides for adjustment of the ballot form used at those elections to reflect a full term of less than 4 years; authorizes funds to provide training to persons elected to the school board. Title: H.B. 2614 Board of Education Elections Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Authorizes the Vermilion Parish School Board to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax. Title: H.B. 1176 Authorizes Levy and Collection of Sales and Use Tax Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Creates an educational facilities improvement district in certain parishes; provides that such districts shall be political subdivisions and shall be coterminous with the school district; provides for the selection of offices and appointments by the local school boards. Title: H.B. 1115 Creates Educational Facilities Improvement District Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MN	Signed by governor Apr-99	States a person convicted of a sex offense who is required to be registered under the predatory offender law is not eligible to be a candidate for the office of school board member. Title: S.B. 1527 Prevents Sex Offender to be Candidate for School Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MO	Signed by governor May-99	Reduces the size of the Board of Governors for Central Missouri State University , Southwest Missouri State University and other public four-year colleges and universities with a statewide mission from 10 to 8. Removes the 2 nonvoting members who reside out-of-state. Requires the appointment of one nonvoting member who is a student to be retained. Requires that no more than 2 of the 5 members are to be appointed from a county with less than 200,000 inhabitants. Title: S.B. 218 Reduces Size of Board of Governors Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Clarifies the authority of school superintendents to assign nonlicensed employees to the various schools in their districts without obtaining the local school boards approval. Title: H.B. 750 Authorizes Superintendents to Assign Nonlicensed Employees Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MT	Signed by governor Feb-99	Establishes the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May as the general school election and trustee election date; limits a school district to one levy election in a calendar year; requires a district whose budget exceeds the maximum and that loses ANB to reduce its current general fund budget by the percentage of ANB decrease; adjusts meeting and reporting dates to conform with the May election date; clarifies teacher notice and hearing time limit provisions. Title: S.B. 460 Election Dates and General Fund Budgets Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NY	Signed by governor Mar-99	Repeals section 5 of Chapter 149 of the laws of 1998 relating to the method of election of community school boards in the New York City Community School Districts; revives statutes of the Education Law thereby restoring the former proportional representation method of election; provides that if the method of voting and counting votes enacted in section 5 of chapter 149 of the laws of 1998 is ultimately sustained, then the repealer of this bill is null and void. Title: S.B. 3580 Changes Method of Electing Community School Boards Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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OK	Signed by governor Apr-98	Allows district boards with seven members to reduce their size to five. Also allows more districts to elect members at large. Title: H.B. 2575 Authorizes Reduction in Board Size Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jun-99	Allows district to prohibit district employee from serving on governing board of district. Title: H.B. 3334 Authorizes Districts to Restrict Board Membership Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the election of members of the board of trustees of certain independent school districts. Title: H.B. 3204 Election of Board Members Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the election of the governing board of certain junior college districts. Title: H.B. 3263 Election of Junior College Governing Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Increases the maximum salaries per year for school board members for specified counties. Title: H.B. 1689 Increases Salaries for Board Members Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SCHOOL DISTRICTS/CAMPUS SYSTEMS		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Pertains to grievance procedures of school districts. Title: H.B. 2075 School District Grievance Procedures Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Died Jul-98	Creates a school district comprised of the regional vocational-technical schools in order to guarantee funding and a stable fiscal base. Title: H.B. 5142 Creates Regional Vocational-technical School District Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Signed by governor Jun-97	Section 1. (New) Each local and regional board of education shall provide an opportunity for the recruitment of students by regional vocational-technical schools, regional vocational agricultural centers, interdistrict magnet schools, charter schools and interdistrict student attendance programs, provided such recruitment is not for the purpose of interscholastic athletic competition. (Public Act No. 97-39) Title: S.B. 1033 Recruitment of Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Became law without governor's signature May-99	Establishes training school consolidation pilot projects; provides for transfer of responsibility for operation of existing programs; provides for transfer of facilities and equipment; requires Department of Education to shift all full-time equivalence and other funding from school district to receiving community college; provides guideline for future approval of programs. Title: S.B. 1664 Creates Training School Consolidation Pilot Projects Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Died Jul-98	Requires each district school to meet annually with the board of county commissioners and with municipal governing bodies to plan for educational facilities; provides for notice; requires a report, providing for arbitration; provides a penalty. Title: H.B. 3283 Educational Facilities Planning Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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IA	Signed by governor May-99	Provides that a school district shall operate or provide for the operation of school breakfast and lunch programs at all attendance centers in the district. Title: H.B. 675 Requires School Breakfast and Lunch Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor May-99	Provides for the joint construction or acquisition, furnishing, operation, and maintenance of public buildings by counties, cities, fire districts, and school districts and providing for joint issuance of school district or fire district bonds. Title: S.B. 393 Joint Issuance of School District or Fire District Bonds Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Dec-98	Strikes provisions creating councils of the State Board of Education governing state institutions of higher education and public schools. Title: H.B. 29 Eliminates Councils of State Board of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Signed by governor Aug-98	Creates a new pupil transportation interest-free start-up loan program to assist school districts that are not providing free transportation; provides that the funds shall be repaid by subtracting one-tenth of the amount of the loan from the amount due for the school district's reimbursement claim each year. Title: H.B. 2802 Creates Transportation Loan Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IN	Signed by governor Jan-99	Requires state school bus committee to review state and federal requirement for display of flashing yellow and red signal lamps by school bus coming to stop to unload or load children determining: (1) whether safety could increase by earlier display of flashing lamps; and (2) feasibility of amending state laws to request change in federal regulations to require earlier display of signal lamps; requires committee to report to legislative counsel December 1, 1999. Title: H.B. 1296 Requires School Bus Safety Review Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Concerns the provision and maintenance of water closets by boards of education. Title: S.B. 36 Maintenance of Water Closets Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires certain school buses to be equipped with seat belts. Title: H.B. 1955 Requires Seat Belts on Certain Buses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to training and certification of school bus operators; provides for the development and implementation of a program for training and certification of such operators; provides for program purpose; provides relative to training sessions and dissemination of information by the state Department of Education. Title: H.B. 2050 Creates Training Program for Bus Drivers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor May-99	Establishes a pilot program for certain schools to provide breakfast for all students regardless of income; setting a threshold level of income for school to participate; and authorizes business entities to receive tax credits for contributions to a school breakfast program. Title: H.B. 868/S.B. 744 Creates School Breakfast Pilot Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for school district reorganization bonuses. Title: S.B. 2441 Creates District Reorganization Bonuses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ND	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to the state board of public school education annexation appeals. Title: S.B. 2079 Education Annexation Appeals Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides that, within a duly approved interstate school district, the New Hampshire Department of Education may enter into an agreement with another state for the purpose of determining which state shall be responsible for certifying education personnel, approving a high school, and participating in a statewide assessment program. Title: S.B. 230 Interstate School Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Aug-98	Clarifies that the requirement that school buses are to be equipped with crossing control arms applies to buses transporting nonpublic, as well as school pupils. Title: S.B. 790 Requires Bus Safety Measures for Nonpublic Pupils Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Vetoed Jul-99	Allows county comprehensive plans to establish or extend urban services from inside urban growth boundary to area inside county but outside growth boundary if certain conditions are met; prohibits local government and Land Conservation and Development Commission from prohibiting siting of public school facility in urban reserve area. Title: H.B. 3259 Allows Extension of Urban Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides certain incentives for school consolidation. Title: S.B. 209 Creates School Consolidation Incentives Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Jan-99	Revises the procedure between contracting school districts. Title: S.B. 205 Revises Contracting Procedures Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the authority of a junior college district to establish, operate, or offer a branch campus, center, extension facility, or course in certain areas. Title: H.B. 2415 Authority of Junior College Districts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the creation of the Texas Tech University System. Title: S.B. 1088 Creates Texas Tech University System Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SCHOOL TO WORK		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Creates a new chapter in the Arkansas Code for the Department of Workforce Education. Title: S.B. 908 Creates Department of Workforce Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CT	Died Jul-98	Creates a school district comprised of the regional vocational-technical schools in order to guarantee funding and a stable fiscal base. Title: H.B. 5142 Creates Regional Vocational-Technical School District Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Died Oct-98	Provides a two-tiered tax credit system to employers participating in school-to-work programs. Title: H.B. 2686 Creates Two-Tiered Tax Credit Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	<p>Purpose is to focus on academic, technical, and employment skills through programs such as agriculture, business, career guidance and counseling, family and consumer sciences, industrial technology, marketing, health occupations, and diversified occupations. Programs are designed to help students recognize the range of occupations requiring special skills; acquire the knowledge and skills for employment in specific occupations or clusters of related occupations; acquire the skills to balance work, family and community; gain employment experience; and acquire the knowledge and skills for entry into a career preparation program at a postsecondary educational institution. Legislature will appropriate fund beginning with 1999-2000; local systems complete applications to receive funds.</p> <p>Title: L.B. 495 Education and Career Preparation Act Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Changes the name of the Statewide Workforce Training Council to the Workforce Council and increases its membership from 23 members to 43; provides for the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Council to assist the Governor in complying with the federal Workforce Investment Act; allows the Governor to select the chair and vice-chair of the Council; provides for the staffing of the Council; provides a fiscal agent for the Council.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 1257 Increases Membership of Workforce Council Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
SECONDARY EDUCATION		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	<p>Creates the Arkansas Act Assessment Assistance Program; designed to prepare public high school students for postsecondary education; relates to a test of student educational development that measures student readiness for future learning.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 2024 Arkansas Assessment Assistance Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
AR	Signed by governor Feb-99	<p>Requests the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee on Education to conduct a study on the impact of after school employment on the academic performance of Arkansas high school students.</p> <p>Title: S.C.R. 5 Requires Study on After School Employment and Performance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
AZ	Signed by governor May-99	<p>Relates to academic proficiency and schools; requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to allow K-12 pupils to obtain academic credit for a course or subject in which they have not enrolled, but in which they can otherwise demonstrate competency.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 2297 Requires Credits for Demonstrated Competency Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	<p>Revises provision regarding funding for college-preparatory classes; relates to district inter-institutional articulation agreements; authorizes the provision of performance incentive funds for the effective implementation of remedial reduction plans; provides that inter-institutional articulation agreements include a plan outlining the mechanisms and strategies for improving the preparation of elementary, middle, and high school teachers.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 1794 Remedial Reduction Plans and Articulation Agreements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	<p>Adopts new graduation and cohort graduation rates and study, which may include a 5-year rate as well as a 4-year rate. Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, a school's performance grade category designation shall be based on performance data that includes the cohort graduation rate.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i></p>

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NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for the issuance of general education development diplomas to certain persons. Title: S.B. 766 General Education Diplomas Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the age at which a student may take the high school equivalency examinations and the age of compulsory attendance in public schools. Title: S.B. 1472 Age Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes local school boards to waive compulsory attendance requirements under certain conditions; provides that local school boards must implement GED testing and preparatory programs consistent with guidelines to be developed by the Board of Education; provides that no one under age 16 is eligible for GED testing programs; provides that home-schooled students need not have 3 consecutive years of home instruction to be eligible to take the GED test. Title: S.B. 962 Authorizes Waivers of Attendance Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Creates the Navigator Laboratory Program to provide a model for school divisions to explore innovative options and creative instructional programs for the education of secondary school students within the same facility who are educationally at-risk, assigned to the regular instruction program, identified as gifted or talented, over-age students, students with special needs, students enrolled in vocational or technical education programs and students that have been suspended. Title: S.B. 1263 Creates the Navigator Laboratory Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SERVICE-LEARNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE		
DE	Died Oct-98	Requests the Board of Education to consider adding a community service requirement in order to receive a high school diploma. Title: H.C.R. 52 Proposes Community Service Graduation Requirement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SEXUAL HARASSMENT		
ME	Signed by governor Jun-99	Eliminates the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution for unlawful sexual contact or sexual abuse of minors if the victim was under the age of 16, or 18 if the perpetrator was a school employee. Title: H.B. 1412 Eliminates Statute of Limitations for Sexual Offenses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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SITE-BASED DECISIONMAKING/DECENTRALIZATION		
NC	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for the election of members of school improvement teams. Title: H.B. 1150 School Improvement Team Elections Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
RI	Became law without governor's signature Jul-99	Provides that the city council of Woonsocket set annual salaries for the members of the school committee. Title: S.B. 1069 School Committees and Superintendents Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the requirements for purchasing in school districts that adopt site based decision making plans. Title: H.B. 2021 Requirements for Purchasing Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SPECIAL EDUCATION		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides individualized health care plans for students with special health care needs. Title: S.B. 856 Creates Individualized Health Care Plans Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requests the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee on Education to conduct a study on the impact of changes in the requirements regarding the assessment of disabled students. Title: S.C.R. 7 Requires Study on Assessment of Disabled Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Conforms state statute to federal regulations relating to the suspension and expulsion proceedings for pupils with disabilities; establishes a joint legislative committee on special education. Title: S.B. 1317 Suspension and Expulsion Proceedings Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Requires prospective special education teachers to demonstrate reading instruction competency before receiving a specialist teaching credential in special education. Title: A.B. 2748 Reading Competency of Special Education Teachers Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i>
DE	Died Oct-98	Places funding responsibility for private-placement financial aid for "complex and rare" handicapped persons aged 4 through 20 entirely with the State, thereby eliminating any contribution by the local school district for such placement. Title: H.B. 275 State Responsibility for Financial Aid Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DE	Signed by governor Jul-98	Requires the Department of Education to submit revised regulations regarding the procedures and definitions used to determine whether students are classified as learning disabled, emotionally mentally handicapped, or seriously emotionally disturbed. Title: H.B. 758 Revises Regulations for Special Education Classifications Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Identifies the "Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Skills Plan" as the skills reference document; requires a reading assessment in kindergarten through third grade with follow-up interventions for students with special needs; provides legislative intent. Title: H.B. 176 Requires K-3 Reading Assessment Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that the State Board of Education shall require textbooks in electronic format so that reproductions can be made for use by the blind. Title: S.B. 1131 Requires Textbooks in Electronic Format Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Feb-99	Increases to \$ 2,500 from \$ 2,000 the maximum reimbursement over one per capita tuition charge for providing extraordinary special education services; provides for reimbursement for teachers, school psychologists, professional workers, and qualified director who furnish special education services in a recognized school to children with disabilities based on 22% of the State's average teacher salary (rather than on a flat-rate of \$3,000) Title: H.B. 1730 Increases Reimbursement for Special Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IN	Signed by governor Jan-99	Makes technical corrections in the Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program to conform to federal law; adds two members to Interagency Coordinating Council including representative of Head Start and of state agency responsible for childcare; requires state employees health benefit plans, state educational institution self-insurance plans and health insurance plans to reimburse first steps program of Division of Family and Children. Title: H.B. 2034 Disabilities Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IN	Signed by governor Jan-99	Allows a school corporation to enter into an agreement to pay transfer tuition to a nonprofit corporation that educates children who have been placed in a health care facility or child care facility under certain circumstances; provides that placement must be recommended by a physician. Title: H.B. 1902 Authorizes Agreements for Transfer Tuition Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Repeals requirement that local school boards provide certain services to students with dyslexia and related disorders. Title: H.B. 1612 Repeals Requirement for Services to Dyslexic Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides for alternative LEAP assessments for special education students. Title: S.B. 251 LEAP Assessments for Special Education Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor May-99	Establishes that disabled applicants may use a Delegate Scholarship at Out-of-State institutions that make special provisions which are not available at in-state institutions for disabled students. Title: H.B. 1155 Authorizes Use of Delegate Scholarship at Out-of-State Institutions Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor Feb-99	Requires publishers of textbooks adopted by school systems to furnish certain instructional resource centers with electronic materials allowing textbook text conversion into Braille or synthesized speech. Title: H.B. 377/S.B. 269 Requires Electronic Version of Textbooks Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes changes to the special education laws to make various provisions consistent with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act. Title: H.B. 1419 Makes Special Education Laws Consistent with IDEA Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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MI	Signed by governor Aug-98	Modifies definition of developmental disabilities by excluding strictly physical impairments. Title: S.B. 884 Modifies Special Education Definition Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MN	Signed by governor May-99	To suspend a student with a disability, the student's individual education plan team must meet immediately but not more than ten school days after the date on which the decision to remove the student from the student's current education placement is made. The team must conduct a review of the relationship between the child's disability and the behavior subject to disciplinary action; and determine the appropriateness of the child's education plan. Applies if (1) parent requests a meeting; (2) student is removed for 5 or more consecutive days; or (3) days of removal from placement exceed ten cumulative days in a school year. To expel or exclude a pupil with a disability, must review the student's individual education plan and conduct a review of the relationship between the disability and behavior to determine the appropriateness of the education plan before commencing the expulsion or exclusion. Changes ages of service from age 3 to age 22 to 3 to age 21. Describes due process/dispute resolution process for parent complaints that include any state, county, or city government agencies responsible for providing services to students with disabilities. Title: S.B. 296/H.B. 483 Discipline of Special Education Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MN	Signed by governor May-99	Amends section 125A.24 to change Parent Advisory Committees to Parent Advisory Councils and makes the establishment of such entities mandatory for school districts. Purpose is to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policymaking and decisionmaking. Must be incorporated into the district's special education system plan. May be established in cooperation with other districts; may set up as a subgroup of an existing board, council or committee; at least half of members must be parents of students with a disability. Title: S.B. 296/H.B. 483 Requires Parent Advisory Councils Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to the education of exceptional children; establishes state performance goals for children with disabilities; provides definitions; provides eligibility standards; provides for mediation; provides complaint procedures. Title: S.B. 2506 Creates Performance Goals for Children with Disabilities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Apr-99	Increases the salaries of public school teachers; requires the payment of an annual salary supplement and a 1-time process reimbursement to school district counselors acquiring the nation Board for Certified Counselors' endorsement as a National Certified School Counselor and to speech-language pathologists and audiologists acquiring the certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Title: H.B. 471 Increases Salaries of Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires the state department of education to adopt pilot programs for the testing of dyslexia in the public schools; extends the repealer on the dyslexia testing pilot programs. Title: H.B. 539 Dyslexia Testing Pilot Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MT	Signed by governor Jan-99	Allows school districts and special education cooperatives to hire unlicensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists under certain conditions; limits the employment duration of an unlicensed speech-language pathologist. Title: H.B. 301 Unlicensed Speech-Language Pathologists Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NC	Signed by governor May-99	Provides for State funding to serve students receiving local school services under an individual education plan from another state while a determination is being made as to the student's eligibility as a child with special needs; directs the State Board of Education to study the issue of school transportation for children with special needs and report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee. Title: S.B. 1075 Provides Funding for Interstate Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Apr-99	Section 17 of this bill prohibits the superintendent for public instruction from changing the credentialing process for special education teachers as it is in effect on March 1, 1999, without first convening a meeting to include representatives of the North Dakota council of education leaders, the council of exceptional children, the North Dakota education association, and the North Dakota school boards association. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments regarding the proposed changes, the applicability of the proposed changes, including the scheduling, the manner of implementation, associated costs, and the short-term and long-term effects of the proposed changes. If, within 30 days after the date of the meeting, members of any two representative groups present at the meeting object in writing to the proposed changes, the superintendent may not implement the change prior to July 1, 2001. Title: S.B. 2013 Credentialing Process for Special Education Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Apr-99	Section 20 of S.B. 2013 reflects concern of the fifty-sixth legislative assembly. Urges the Congress of the United States and the President to increase federal funding for special education to achieve, within the next three years, the statutory goal of the federal government providing funding for special education students equal to 40% of the national average per student educational expenditure. Requests secretary of state to send copies sent to pertinent federal policy makers. Title: S.B. 2013 Urges Federal Funding for Special Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends and reenacts Section 15-59-06, 15-59-06.2 to address residence/placement of students with disabilities: students who are receiving services must be deemed to be enrolled in the district of residence and must be included in determination of payments from the state foundation aid program, whether or not the students regularly attend school in the district receiving the payments. Any contracts for out-of-district placements must be approved in advance by the superintendent of public instruction. Superintendent of public instruction then withholds payments to the district of resident in an amount equal to the unpaid tuition until that amount has been paid. Districts are reimbursed 80% of the remainder of the actual cost of education the student with disabilities not covered by other payments or credits, within the limits of legislative appropriations for that purpose. Clarifies that the cost of special education is a liability of the school district. If costs exceed the reimbursement provided by the state, the school district is liable to pay for each student an amount over the state reimbursement up to a maximum each year of 2.5 times the state average per student elementary or high school cost and 20% of all remaining costs. The state is liable for 80% (changed from 100%) of the remainder of the cost within the limits of legislative appropriations for that purpose. Title: S.B. 2013 Special Education Funding Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ND	Signed by governor Apr-99	Related to the authority of the superintendent of public instruction to withhold state special education funds. If a school district is found to be in violation of providing a free appropriate public education, may withhold amount equal to the cost of meeting the affected individual student's needs. Clarifies the relationship between the federal government, state, school districts, and parents. (New subsection to 15-40.1-07.6 of North Dakota Century Code). Title: S.B. 2154 Allows Superintendent to Withhold Special Education Funds Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends and reenacts sections 15-34, 1-12 and 1-12.1 of North Dakota Century Code, relates to the provision of home education to developmentally disabled children with autism. Title: H.B. 1064 Provision of Home Education to Autistic Children Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Creates the Hardship Fund, which allows districts in certain circumstances of financial distress to borrow money from the fund. Fund consists of money appropriated, repayments, and interest paid. Qualifying occurrences are: One or more new special education students or one or more new disabling conditions causing special education expenditures to increase by 10% or more, but not less than 3 times the cost grouping cost per student in the standard cost grouping; opening of a group home causing expenditures to increase by 10% or more; clerical errors by public officials, other than any person employed by or serving on the school board; and several other fiscal conditions concerning calculation of aid, budgeted reserves, current levy. Title: L.B. 314 Creates the Hardship Fund Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NE	Signed by governor May-99	Act relating to schools; amends numerous sections, including 79-118.01. Adds "developmentally delayed" to definition of disability. 79-118.01 (6) is amended to include the following: Developmental delay means either a significant delay in function in one or more of the following areas: (A) cognitive development; (B) physical development; (C) communication development; (D) social or emotional development; or (E) adaptive behavior or skills development, or a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a substantial delay in function in one or more of such areas. Title: L.B. 813 Modifies Definition of Disability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires that a town disclose in its annual budget the amount of any reimbursements received to offset special education expenditures, including reimbursements for catastrophic special education expenditures. Title: S.B. 129 Special Education Expenditures Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NH	Proposed Feb-99	Requires the state to pay the full cost of special education services provided to all court-ordered, out-of-district placements of special education pupils. Title: S.B. 210 Funding for Special Education Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NJ	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that the district of residence for student placed in a skill development home shall be the parent's district of residence. Title: S.B. 1060 Residence Determination for Disabled Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Makes attendance at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped up to parental discretion; requires the school to comply with federal law. Title: S.B. 529 Parental Discretion in Special Education Attendance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Directs Department of Education to recover amounts billed for children who are in certain special education programs in excess of county school funds from State School Fund. Title: H.B. 3365 Directs Recovery of Special Education Funds Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Directs the Department of Education to distribute administrative guidelines and training materials to assist in compliance with special education requirements; requires preparation of individualized education program for children with disabilities; directs the State Board of Education to adopt standard individualized education program forms or to approve alternative forms submitted by school district; requires school districts to use the forms. Title: S.B. 932 Requires IEPs for Children with Disabilities Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Mar-99	Allows for the transfer of money from a school district's special education fund to its general fund under certain circumstances. Title: H.B. 1184 Transfer of Funding to General Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Jan-99	Revises the state aid for special education funding formula (Adds new Section 13-37-37). Defines levels of disabilities and attaches allocations per each. Sets formula. Level one = mild disability. Level two = mental retardation or emotional disorder. Level three = hearing impairment, deafness, visual impairment, deaf-blindness, orthopedic impairment, or traumatic brain injury. Level four = autism. Level five = multiple disabilities. Adds a number of new sections addressing computation for state aid, availability of records (to Dept. of Education and Cultural Affairs) and overreporting (sanctions). Another new section specifies formula for transition period from school fiscal year 2000 through fiscal year 2003. Also adds section to set aside money to assist school districts with legal matters relating to special education, to employ personnel to audit for compliance, maintain state protocols to assist districts in developing individualized education plans, or to purchase assistive technology. Title: H.B. 1178 Revises Special Education Funding Formula Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to school district compliance with special education laws. Title: H.B. 2172 School District Compliance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to surrogate parents for certain public education students with disabilities; requires such surrogates to complete a training program, visit the child and the child's school, consult with person involved in the child's education, review the child's educational records, attend meetings, exercise independent judgment and exercise the child's due process rights; relates to foster care and conservatorship. Title: S.B. 1141 Sets Requirements for Surrogate Parents Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to information provided to parents of students receiving special education. Title: S.B. 870 Information to Parents of Special Education Students Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides that each district improvement plan must include measures to improve student performance, including students in special education programs. The Regional Service Centers are directed to maintain a core of services for purchase by school districts and campuses. Those core services are expanded to include assistance specifically designed for schools that are out of compliance with state of federal special education regulations. Title: S.B. 476 Improving Special Education Student Performance Source: "Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999
TX	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to transfer of assistive technology devices for students with disabilities who leave certain school districts. Title: H.B. 633 Interdistrict Transfer of Assistive Technology Devices Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet
UT	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to individuals with disabilities; provides an amount appropriation to the State Office of Rehabilitation to purchase assistive technology devices and services under rules made by the State Board of Education. Title: S.B. 95 Appropriates Funds for Assistive Technology Devices Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet
VA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services or their designees to develop and execute a memorandum of agreement relating to community health centers and special education. Title: H.B. 2360 Community Health Centers and Special Education Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires the Board of Education to promulgate emergency regulations for establishing standards for remediation programs; requires school divisions to evaluate their remediation programs, annually, in terms of the pass rate on the Standards of Learning tests. Title: H.B. 2056 Requires Standards for Remediation Programs Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Creates the Navigator Laboratory Program to provide a model for school divisions to explore innovative options and creative instructional programs for the education of secondary school students within the same facility who are educationally at-risk, assigned to the regular instruction program, identified as gifted or talented, over-age students, students with special needs, students enrolled in vocational or technical education programs, and students that have been suspended. Title: S.B. 1263 Provides for Creative Instructional Programs Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Directs the School for the Deaf and Blind at Staunton to provide an educational program for children in preschool through grade 12 who have visual and hearing disabilities and who are identified as emotionally disturbed pursuant Board of education regulations. Title: S.B. 1305 Requires Educational Programs for Deaf and Blind Students Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires that on and after 07/01/00, persons seeking licensure with endorsements as teachers of the blind and visually impaired demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing Braille. Title: S.B. 1307 Requires Teacher Proficiency in Braille Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet

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VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Lowers the division wide maximum ratios of students in average daily membership to full-time equivalent teaching positions excluding special education teachers, principals, assistant principals, counselors, and librarians, in the kindergarten and grades 2 and 3 from 25:1 to 24:1; provides that if the average daily membership in any kindergarten class exceeds 24 pupils, a full-time teacher's aide would be assigned to the class.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 1673 Reduces Class Size Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VT	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Relates to limits to aid for special education and the granting thereof; provides for average daily attendance funding; provides for payments in lieu of taxes; relates to property tax sources of funding for public education; relates to personal and real property taxation.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 548 Limits to Special Education Aid and Property Tax Sources Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
STANDARDS		
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	<p>Encourages higher ed. institutions to provide fast-track programs of study. Requires credentialing programs to be aligned with state standards. Requires higher ed. institutions to assess teacher performance. Requires all new teacher candidates to complete a program of beginning teacher induction during their first two years of teaching.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 2042 Requires Teacher Induction Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i></p>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	<p>Requires state board to approve student performance standards in key academic subject areas and grade levels, and eliminates requirement that Commissioner designate program categories and grade levels for which performance standards are to be approved.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 751/753/755 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i></p>
IN	Signed by governor May-99	<p>Provides that a school may be accredited by meeting the criteria for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for Education rather than under performance based accreditation; transfers the duties of the state standards task force to the education roundtable; requires each school and school corporation to develop an improvement plan; provides for creation of a system of recognition and financial awards for schools that demonstrate improvement.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 1750 Accrediting Schools According to Baldrige Criteria Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
IN	Signed by governor Dec-98	<p>Establishes the education roundtable to make recommendations concerning education to the governor, superintendent of public instruction, general assembly, and Indiana state board of education; transfers the duties of the state standards task force to the education roundtable; replaces the concept of "proficiencies" with the concept of "academic standards" through the state assessment program.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 235 Creates Education Roundtable Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	<p>Relates to standards-based assessments.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 624 Standards-Based Assessments Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>

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NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Makes the Council to Establish Academic Standards permanent and charges it with developing grade-by-grade standards for K-8 in English and mathematics. Sets the make-up of council. Requires that course of study prescribed and enforced by the state board must comply with the content and performance standards established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards, and that textbooks approved by the state board must adequately support the standards. Local boards are required to align curriculum with the standards. Also requires state board to consult with local boards when reviewing teacher-training programs and may not approve those programs unless they offer training in the new standards.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 466 Council to Establish Academic Standards Source: <i>Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau</i></p>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>State board is required to prescribe examinations that measure proficiency in standards. Exams to be given in grades 3 and 5 (English and math) beginning in spring of 2001. Extends to 1-15-2000 the date by which Council to Establish Academic Standards must adopt the second phase of standards (social studies, Health/physical education, computer education, arts). Spells out schedule for phasing new standards into the high school proficiency exam.</p> <p>Provides assistance to pupils who have not been able to pass the new, more challenging high school proficiency examination in math. If pupils enroll in intensive, remedial education or tutoring programs during the summer of 1999, they may retake the test in one or both of two special administrations of the exam in July and August of 1999. Allows pupils who have met all requirements for a standard diploma except for passing the exam to participate in graduation ceremonies and to be awarded a certificate of attendance, to be replaced by a standard diploma once they pass the exam. Creates a temporary task force to review the contents of the exam, review methods by which results are reported to schools and parents and determine whether another method of reporting might be more helpful.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 466 Requires Standards-based Assessments Source: <i>Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau</i></p>
SC	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Approves regulations of the Board of Education; relates to reading, writing, and mathematics objectives for grades 1-12.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 744 Approves Reading, Writing and Math Objectives Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	<p>Relates to the administration of the Texas Academic Skills Program.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 2011 Texas Academic Skills Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Creates a task force on learning standards and accountability in public education; provides for membership; staff, duties and reporting date; appropriates funds from the General Fund; provides a repeal date.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 144 Creates Task Force on Learning Standards and Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Provides for annual criterion-referenced achievement testing of students in all grade levels and norm-referenced testing of students in grades 3, 5, 8, and 10; modifies definitions; requires the state board of education to develop assessment mechanisms for determining demonstrated competency in courses required for high school graduation; provides for an external evaluation of core curriculum content standards, objectives, and assessments.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 33 Requires Assessments Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>

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VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Directs the Board of Education to incorporate into Vocational Education the Standards of Learning in mathematics, english, science, and social studies, and other subjects as appropriate; establishes, with such funds as may be appropriated, within the Department of Education a unit of specialists in vocational education. Title: H.B. 2476 Requires Standards in Vocational Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires that the Board of Education contract, with such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, for the development or purchase of interactive educational software designed as tutorials to improve achievement on the Standards of Learning assessments. Title: H.B. 2480 Requires Board to Use Software to Improve Achievement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
STATE BOARDS		
AR	Signed by governor Feb-99	Reconstitutes the State Board of Education as a nine member board. Title: S.B. 448 Reconstitutes State Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Died Oct-98	Proposes a constitutional amendment to change the Board of Education from an elected board to an appointed board. Retains a student member as a nonvoting member. Title: H.B. 2561 Constitutional Amendment to Elect State Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
HI	Died Oct-98	Proposes to amend the constitution by repealing the State Board of Education and replacing it with separate county boards. Establishes 1 county board each in the city and county of Honolulu, and the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. Requires all members of county boards to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Requires the Hawaii State Student Council to select 1 public high school student to serve as nonvoting member in each board. Title: S.B. 2208 Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate State Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Appropriates a specific amount to the State Board of Education for fiscal year 1999; appropriates funds for the Office of the State Board of Education for fiscal year 2000; limits the full-time equivalent positions to 21; and reappropriates unexpended and unencumbered fund balance to the Office of the State Board of Education for nonrecurring expenditures. Title: S.B. 1276 Makes Appropriation to State Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Appropriates a specified amount to the State Board of Education for the State Library Board for fiscal year 2000; limits the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions to 45; reappropriates unexpended and unencumbered fund balance to be used for nonrecurring expenditures. Title: H.B. 328 Makes Appropriation to State Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the sunset provision on the authority of the State Board of Education to accept credit from non-accredited proprietary institutions. The State Board has developed by rule a system of standards that a non-accredited institution would have to comply with before credits will be accepted. This bill will continue the Board's already existing authority in that area and continue standards set by the Board. Clarifies the authority of the State Board of Education to establish standards, procedures and criteria governing certain postsecondary institutions. Title: S.B. 1255 Authority of State Board of Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for an increase in the per diem for members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Title: H.B. 1613 Increases Per Diem for State Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
STATE POLICYMAKING		
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the Governor's Commission on Instruction and Academic Excellence in public schools. Title: S.J.R. 95 Governor's Commission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Extends the expiration of the Arkansas Pygmalion Commission; to remove legislative members from the commissions; relates to the Arkansas Pygmalion Commission on Nontraditional Education. Title: H.B. 1966 Extends Expiration of Arkansas Pygmalion Commission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Prohibits the placing of school election issues on the November general election ballot. Title: S.B. 606 Prohibits School Election Issues on November Ballot Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
KS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Concerns the Kansas Commission on Education Restructuring and Accountability. Title: S.B. 32 Kansas Commission on Education Restructuring and Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Vetoed May-99	Creates the Education Initiatives and Accountability Task Force; provides for membership and duties; makes an appropriation. Title: H.B. 28A Education Initiatives and Accountability Task Force Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
STUDENT INCENTIVES		
AL	Passed Sep-98	Beginning in the 1999-2000 year, students must meet certain grades standards to be in order to be eligible for extracurricular activities, including sports. Students entering grades 10-12 must pass courses, and earn the appropriate number of credits, in 6 subjects, including the four core - English, math, science and social studies. They must also have a minimum numerical composite average of 70. Students entering grades 8 and 9 must pass courses in 5 subjects; all other requirements are the same. Title: State Board of Education Resolution Setting Eligibility Requirements Source: <i>Alabama Education News</i>
STUDENT RECORDS/RIGHTS		
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes the Juvenile Information Act; relates to confidentiality of juvenile records; provides juvenile arrest information to law enforcement agencies; requires notice to school officials concerning juveniles adjudicated as delinquent for Class A or Class B felonies; gives judges discretion to provide notice for all other crimes; requires fingerprints, photographs, and DNA samples of a child who has been taken into custody for an alleged delinquent act. Title: H.B. 491 Creates Juvenile Information Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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MA	Signed by governor May-98	Provides for the distribution of information to certain parents of children enrolled in elementary and secondary schools; includes but is not limited to report cards and progress reports, the results of intelligence and achievement tests, special needs assessments, suspensions, expulsion, absences and illnesses; relates to custody of minors and the duties of principals; requires the Department of Education to promulgate rules. Title: S.B. 2209 Requires Distribution of Information to Parents Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor May-99	Requires that when a petition has been filed against a juvenile for an offense that alleges the use or threatened use of physical force against a person or when a juvenile has been adjudicated as having committed such an offense, the district attorney shall provide to the superintendent of the juvenile's school or the superintendent's designees the name of the juvenile and other specified information about the charges. Title: S.B. 578 Notification of Petition Against Juvenile Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor Jan-99	Prohibits a public school from publishing on the Internet or furnishing for publication on the Internet any information that can be used to identify a student of that public school without first obtaining the written approval of the parents of that student. Title: S.B. 93 Students Records Prohibits Identifying Information on Internet Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Creates the Student Freedom of Expression Act. Encourages students to exercise their freedoms of speech and press, and allows sponsoring teachers to prohibit publishing materials which are obscene, harmful to minors as defined in Sec. 28-807, libelous, or likely to incite violence, law-breaking, or substantial and material disruption of the school. Sponsoring teachers may not be dismissed, demoted, reprimanded, or otherwise punished for supporting student expression that is consistent with an adopted code or supporting student expression allowed pursuant to the act. School boards may adopt rules consistent with the act. Title: L.B. 182 Creates Student Freedom of Expression Act Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NV	Signed by governor May-99	Prohibits hazing at high schools, colleges and universities in this state. Title: S.B. 297 Prohibits Hazing Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Prohibits school personnel from performing strip searches in elementary and secondary schools. Title: H.B. 1489 Prohibits Strip Searches Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
STUDENTS		
AL	Passed Sep-98	Beginning in the 1999-2000 year, students must meet certain grades standards to be in order to be eligible for extracurricular activities, including sports. Students entering grades 10-12 must pass courses, and earn the appropriate number of credits, in 6 subjects, including the four core - English, math, science and social studies. They must also have a minimum numerical composite average of 70. Students entering grades 8 and 9 must pass courses in 5 subjects; all other requirements are the same. Title: State Board of Education Resolution Setting Eligibility Requirements Source: <i>Alabama Education News</i>
AR	Signed by governor Feb-99	Requests the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee on Education to conduct a study on the impact of after school employment on the academic performance of Arkansas high school students. Title: S.C.R. 5 Requires Study on After School Employment and Performance Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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SUMMER SCHOOL		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Repeals mandatory summer school for underperforming students in kindergarten through grade 3 (Section 6-16-703). Replaces it with: Students in K-3 not performing at grade level during the regular school year shall participate in a department of education approved remediation program or a summer school remediation program to be eligible for promotion to the next grade. Those schools electing to not offer a summer school program shall offer a department of education approved remediation program during the regular school year to students in kindergarten through grade three not performing at grade level. Title: H.B. 1212 Requires Remediation Program for Promotion Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires summer school be offered to all students who fail the state tests required for promotion to 5th and 9th grades and provides for the funding of such programs. Title: S.B. 249 Requires Offering of Summer School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor	Creates standards for state-funded summer remediation services offered by school districts. Title: H.B. 282 Creates Standards for Summer Remediation Services (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TEACHER		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Allows an income tax credit for materials and supplies purchased by teachers and use in their classrooms; provides that when an Arkansas ESOP buys at least 20% of an Arkansas business which would leave the state were it not for the ESOP buyout, the jobs preserved shall qualify for employee tax credit incentive programs administered by the Arkansas Department of Economic Development. Title: S.B. 963 Authorizes Tax Credit for Supplies Purchased By Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends the Leave of Absence for Personal Injury Law; relates to teachers who suffer personal injury as a result of intervening in student fights, restraining a student or protecting a student from harm; relates to assault and other crimes. Title: H.B. 2064 Pertains to Teachers Suffering Personal Injury Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires planning time and lunch periods for all public school teachers. Title: H.B. 1614 Requires Planning and Lunch Periods Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides relative to a continuing education program for paraprofessionals. Title: H.B. 1595 Continuing Education for Paraprofessionals Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Jun-99	Ensures that all teachers receive a duty-free period each day. Title: S.B. 1093 Requires Duty-free Period for Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends Arkansas Code to require the Superintendent, rather than the School Board, to report licensure violations of teachers; relates to felonies and certain misdemeanors. Title: S.B. 779 Requires Superintendent to Report Licensure Violations Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for teachers to be licensed in the grade level or subject they teach and for substitute teachers to have a bachelor's degree. Title: S.B. 574 Requires Teachers to be Licensed Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Oct-99	Establishes the California Professional (CAP) credential which provides, for a five year period, alternate ways for individuals to qualify for a single subject teaching credential. Title: A.B. 1242 Establishes Alternative Certification Credential Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Encourages higher ed. institutions to provide fast-track programs of study. Requires credentialing programs to be aligned with state standards. Requires higher ed. institutions to assess teacher performance. Requires all new teacher candidates to complete a program of beginning teacher induction during their first two years of teaching. Title: S.B. 2042 Requires Teacher Induction Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i>
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Authorizes Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue credentials to teachers from states with teacher preparation standards equal to California's. For states with less rigorous standards, the credentialing process is simplified. Title: A.B. 1620 Authorizes Issuance of Credentials to Out-of-state Teachers Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i>
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Requires prospective special education teachers to demonstrate reading instruction competency before receiving a specialist teaching credential in special education. Title: A.B. 2748 Reading Competency of Special Education Teachers Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Implements a comprehensive approach to improve teaching quality by raising standards for certification, establishing a statewide system for inservice professional development, and increasing accountability for administrators. Department of Education must review Chapter 231, F.S., and recommend, by January 1, 2000, more rigorous standards for initial and continuing certification, and more alternative certification options for persons with specific subject-area expertise. Establishes a network of professional development academies in each region of the state operated in partnership with area business partners to develop and deliver high quality training programs purchased by the districts. To be eligible for funds, the academy must demonstrate that it can effectively train teachers to improve their skills in elementary reading and math, the use of instructional technology, high school algebra, and classroom management. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>

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FL	Signed by governor May-99	Requirements for individuals applying for temporary or professional certificate on or after July 1, 2000, are expanded to include a demonstrated mastery of general knowledge, including ability to read, write, compute, and use technology for classroom instruction. Acceptable ways of demonstrating mastery are passing scores on another state's general knowledge examination or another state's valid standard teacher's certificate. The other state must also have required general mastery. Minimum competencies for a professional certificate are expanded to include, among other things, comprehension of algebra and recognition of signs of students' difficulty with the reading process and application of appropriate measures to improve students' reading performance. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	State board rules must allow professional educators to add areas of certification to a professional certificate without completing associated course requirements if the certificate holder attains a passing score on an examination of competency in the subject area to be added and provides evidence of at least two years of satisfactory evaluations that considered performance. Individuals who have specific subject area expertise but who have not completed a standard teacher education program may participate in an alternative certification program for a professional certificate. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
IA	Signed by governor May-99	Amends the responsibilities of the state board of education and the board of educational examiners relating to practitioner preparation programs and teacher licensure; requires the state board of education to adopt rules requiring all higher education institutions providing practitioner preparation to administer a basic skill test to practitioner preparation program admission candidates, and other such provisions; requires training in reading strategies. Title: H.B. 532 Requires Basic Skills Test Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor May-99	Directs the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to develop a plan for results-based initial certification and recertification of teachers. Title: S.B. 568 Requires Plan for Results-based Certification Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MO	Signed by governor Jun-98	Provides that teaching certificates may be revoked if the holder is found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, and must be revoked if the holder is found guilty of first degree murder or dangerous felony, certain sexual offenses, certain offenses against the family, or certain offenses relating to child pornography. A teacher whose certificate has been revoked may appeal to the state board, and may appeal the state board's decision in circuit court. Additionally, tenure for St. Louis principals is abolished, and the time period for St. Louis teacher to gain tenure is raised from three to five years. Title: H.B. 1469 Revoking Teaching Certificates for Certain Crimes Source: <i>House Research Staff, Missouri House Representatives</i>
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Clarifies the authority of school superintendents to assign nonlicensed employees to the various schools in their districts without obtaining the local school boards approval. Title: H.B. 750 Authorizes Superintendents to Assign Nonlicensed Employees Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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NC	Signed by governor May-99	Simplifies the lateral entry program for teachers; permits school boards to employ as teachers individuals meeting certain criteria even if they do not meet the requirements of the State Board of Education for initial or continuing teacher certification; provides that such individuals may receive an initial certification if he or she passes the standard examination within 1 year after employment or prior to initial employment. Title: H.B. 1167 Changes Lateral Entry Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Nov-98	Allows local Boards of Education to employ teachers who are legally certified in another state even though they may not be certified in North Carolina; provides an alternative method for local boards to hire lateral entry teachers. Title: S.B. 1124 Allows Boards to Employ Out-of-state Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Apr-99	Section 17 of this bill prohibits the superintendent for public instruction from changing the credentialing process for special education teachers as it is in effect on March 1, 1999, without first convening a meeting to include representatives of the North Dakota council of education leaders, the council of exceptional children, the North Dakota education association, and the North Dakota school boards association. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments regarding the proposed changes, the applicability of the proposed changes, including the scheduling, the manner of implementation, associated costs, and the short-term and long-term effects of the proposed changes. If, within 30 days after the date of the meeting, members of any two representative groups present at the meeting object in writing to the proposed changes, the superintendent may not implement the change prior to July 1, 2001. Title: S.B. 2013 Credentialing Process for Special Education Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Jan-99	Creates and enacts a new section to the North Dakota Century Code; relates to enforcement of requirements concerning teaching certificates; relates to exhibition of teaching certificates. Title: H.B. 1370 Teaching Certificates Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for the implementation of educational standards and assessment for public schools, the School at the Center Program, a needs study and cost analysis for local system financial reporting, specific certificates and permits that do not require all of the statutory requirements for teacher and administrator certification, and testing of graduating seniors in education degree programs and instructors of education methodology. Schools at the Center Program is created to assure that rural schools meet individual needs and develop skills for students to be effective participants in the civic, cultural, and economic life of their rural community; connect community and school improvement plans that are consistent with state standards; and develop clusters of rural schools to provide community-based education consistent with state and local standards. The assessment and reporting system must be aligned with state standards and implemented beginning with the 1999-2000 school year. Program beginning 9-01-99 and ending 12-31-2001 will use validated tests to determine the knowledge/skills of graduating students and instructors teaching classes in education methodology. Title: L.B. 812 School at the Center Program Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to education; provides for an alternative teacher-certification process; enacts a new section of the School Personnel Act. Title: S.B. 581 Creates Alternative Certification Process Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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OK	Signed by governor Apr-99	Modifies eligibility requirements for taking teachers competency examinations. Title: S.B. 66 Changes Eligibility Requirements for Competency Exams Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor Jun-98	Adds conviction of any sex offense subject to the Sex Offenders Registration Act to the list of reasons a district employee may be dismissed. Makes it unlawful for any person or business offering services on school premises to knowingly allow any such person registered to work on the premises. Title: S.B. 1394 Adds Sex Offenses to Reasons for Dismissal Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
SC	Signed by governor Jun-99	Approves regulations of the Board of Education; relates to requirements for licensure. Title: S.B. 638 Licensure Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SC	Signed by governor Jun-99	Approves regulations of the Board of Education; relates to requirements for licensure. Title: S.B. 628 Licensure Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Requires school districts to provide written notification to parents if their child has been taught by an inappropriately or uncertified teacher for more than 30 consecutive days. "Notification is required if the teacher is serving on an emergency certificate or does not hold any certification or permit. Notification is not required if the teacher is certified and assigned to teach a class or classes outside their area of certification. Notification is also not required if a person is serving on a school district teaching permit or employed under a waiver granted by the commissioner. Title: H.B. 618 Parental Notification of Uncertified Teacher Source: <i>"Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division of the Department of Public Safety to maintain a separate file of fingerprints submitted for a criminal background check on school personnel and notify the state office of education when a new entry is made against a person whose fingerprints are held in the file; modifies requirements as to who pays for a background check; provides the State Office of Education with access to child and family services records and reports and juvenile court records for the purpose of evaluating whether an individual should be permitted to obtain or retain an educator's license or serve as an employee or volunteer in a school. Title: H.B. 364 Background Checks for School Personnel Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for reformatting and restructuring statutory provisions on licensing of educators; establishes criteria for using substitute teachers; provides for a hearing process regarding complaints against educators. Title: H.B. 109 Teacher Licensing and Evaluation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Directs the Board of Education to include in its licensure regulations a requirement that on and after 7/1/03, persons seeking initial licensure or license renewal as teachers demonstrate minimum proficiency in the use of educational technology; enforces Standard 6 of Standards of Quality to require local school boards to provide programs of professional development in educational technology for all instructional personnel. Title: H.B. 2263 Requires Minimum Proficiency in Technology Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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VT	Signed by governor Sep-98	Requires criminal background checks of all public and private school employees, contractors and their employees. Is effective January 1, 1999. Persons employed at date of passage are grandfathered. Title: H.B. 475 Requires Criminal Background Checks of School Employees Source: <i>Vermont Department of Education</i>
TEACHER COMPENSATION		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Increases the base salary for a Bachelor's Degree Teacher. Title: H.B. 2076 Increases Base Salary for Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Allows all school employees to carry their accumulated leave credit to another school district, state education agency, educational cooperative, or two year college. Title: S.B. 375 Authorizes Transfer of Accumulated Leave Credit Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends Arkansas Code 6-02-103; pertains to the compensation of exceptionally qualified academic and nonacademic personnel. Title: S.B. 567 Compensation for Exceptionally Qualified Personnel Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides \$50 million to school districts to raise beginning salaries for teachers to at least \$32,000 per year. Title: A.B. 1117 Appropriates Funds to Raise Beginning Teacher Salaries Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
CA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Creates a new \$50 million program of cash awards for classroom teachers in low performing public schools that significantly improve their levels of academic achievement over the prior school year. Title: A.B. 1114 Cash Awards to Successful Teachers Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Provides grants for one-time merit awards of \$10,000 for teachers who obtain National Board certification. Allows out-of-state teachers who obtain National Board certification to teach in California. Title: A.B. 858 Provides Funding for Teacher Merit Awards Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	By June 30, 2002, school boards are required to adopt a performance incentive pay policy which must base at least 5 percent of the salary of school administrators and instructional personnel on annual performance. The policy is subject of negotiation as provided in ch. 447, F.S. Employees who demonstrate outstanding performance must be allowed to receive 5 percent of their individual salary. Effective July 1, 2002, failure of a district to adopt and implement a performance incentive pay policy will also result in withholding allocations from the EETF. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Removes 50% bonus to districts for teachers who apply for the Excellent Teachers Program, which will free up additional dollars to serve more teachers. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>

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FL	Signed by governor May-98	Relates to the Excellent Teacher Program; provides legislative findings and intent; authorizing monetary incentives and bonuses for teaching excellence; provides for annual allocations to districts; provides fee subsidies and conditions for repayment of subsidies for participating in the certification program of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards; requires the distribution of certain monetary bonuses to teachers. Title: H.B. 3389 Authorizes Merit Pay for Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides a salary bonus of \$2,000 per year for five years for an instruction staff member designated as a master teacher. Title: S.B. 1091 Provides Salary Bonus for Master Teacher Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Eliminates the requirement that school boards grant extended sick leave to teachers and school bus drivers and provides for any additional compensation to teachers. Title: S.B. 296 Eliminates Extended Sick Leave Requirement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Permits city and parish school boards to establish and implement incentive compensation programs for board employees providing for monetary awards; provides for written policies and procedures; provides for applicability; provides for guidelines for determining performance; provides relative to such monetary awards and other employee rights and benefits. Title: H.B. 1503 Authorizes Merit Pay Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Authorizes city and parish school boards to establish teacher pay incentive programs; provides for related matters. Title: S.B. 1000 Authorizes Merit Pay Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides a salary adjustment of not less than \$ 3,000 for certain public school teachers having certificates issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Title: H.B. 718 Provides Pay Increase for Board-certified Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Repeals sabbatical leave for the purpose of rest and recuperation for teachers and college faculty. Title: S.B. 297 Restricts Sabbatical Leave Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MS	Signed by governor Apr-99	Increases the salaries of public school teachers; requires the payment of an annual salary supplement and a 1-time process reimbursement to school district counselors acquiring the Nation Board for Certified Counselors' endorsement as a National Certified School Counselor and to speech-language pathologists and audiologists acquiring the certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Title: H.B. 471 Increases Salaries of Public School Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Relates to education; creates a task force to review merit pay for teachers in public schools; makes an appropriation. Title: S.B. 622 Creates Task Force on Merit Pay Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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OK	Signed by governor Jun-98	Expands the Education Leadership Oklahoma program from a maximum of 100 teachers to 400. Sets the bonus for achieving National Board status at \$5,000. Title: S.B. 770 Expands Education Leadership Oklahoma Program Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provided \$3,000 salary increase to teachers, librarians, school nurses and counselors. Title: S.B. 4 Teacher Salary Increase (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</i>
TX	Signed by governor May-99	Creates financial incentives for current teachers to continue working two more years before retirement. Title: S.B. 1128 Creates Incentives to Prevent Retirement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Makes variety of changes to statutes governing teacher preparation, evaluation, and employment, including (i) directing Board of Education to prescribe by regulation uniform performance standards and criteria to be used by local school boards in evaluating superintendents, (ii) establishing the National Teacher Certification Reward Program to provide annual monetary awards of \$ 5,000 to teachers achieving and maintaining national certification. Title: S.B. 1145 Establishes Awards for National Certification Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TEACHER EDUCATION		
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Intended to encourage teachers of other subjects to switch to math. Provides loans to pay for further education, and if the teacher returns to the same district to teach math, the loans are forgiven. Title: A.B. 496 Encourages Teachers to Switch to Math Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i>
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Encourages higher ed. institutions to provide fast-track programs of study. Requires credentialing programs to be aligned with state standards. Requires higher ed. institutions to assess teacher performance. Requires all new teacher candidates to complete a program of beginning teacher induction during their first two years of teaching. Title: S.B. 2042 Requires Teacher Induction Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i>
CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Allows education students participating in the California Work-Study Program to work at schools, providing tutoring, mentoring, and other services. Title: A.B. 2528 Allows Work-study Participants to Work at Schools Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 28, 1998</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Revises provision regarding funding for college-preparatory classes; relates to district inter-institutional articulation agreements; authorizes the provision of performance incentive funds for the effective implementation of remedial reduction plans; provides that inter-institutional articulation agreements include a plan outlining the mechanisms and strategies for improving the preparation of elementary, middle, and high school teachers. Title: S.B. 1794 College Preparatory Courses and Articulation Agreements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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IA	Signed by governor May-99	Amends the responsibilities of the state board of education and the board of educational examiners relating to practitioner preparation programs and teacher licensure; requires the state board of education to adopt rules requiring all higher education institutions providing practitioner preparation to administer a basic skill test to practitioner preparation program admission candidates, and other such provisions; requires training in reading strategies. Title: H.B. 532 Requires Basic Skills Test Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to certification of elementary and secondary education; provides relative to the qualifications that are required for entrance into a teacher education program. Title: H.B. 904 Qualifications for Admission to Teacher Education Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides for the implementation of educational standards and assessment for public schools, the School at the Center Program, a needs study and cost analysis for local system financial reporting, specific certificates and permits that do not require all of the statutory requirements for teacher and administrator certification, and testing of graduating seniors in education degree programs and instructors of education methodology. Schools at the Center Program is created to assure that rural schools meet individual needs and develop skills for students to be effective participants in the civic, cultural, and economic life of their rural community; connect community and school improvement plans that are consistent with state standards; and develop clusters of rural schools to provide community-based education consistent with state and local standards. The assessment and reporting system must be aligned with state standards and implemented beginning with the 1999-2000 school year. Program beginning 9-01-99 and ending 12-31-2001 will use validated tests to determine the knowledge/skills of graduating students and instructors teaching classes in education methodology. Title: L.B. 812 School at the Center Program Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to the Education Accountability and Quality Enhancement Act; makes a variety of changes to the statutes governing teacher preparation, evaluation and employment. Title: H.B. 2710 Teacher Preparation, Evaluation and Employment Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TEACHER EVALUATION		
CA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Replaces existing Mentor Teacher Program in July 2001. Strongly urges districts to designate "consulting" teachers who will assist other teachers and be involved in their performance evaluation. Districts encouraged to participate to avoid losing specific categorical funding. Implementation details subject to negotiation through collective bargaining process. Target date is 7/01/2001 - \$6,680 per consulting teacher. Districts with program in place by July the previous year get extra \$1,800 per consulting teacher. Considered voluntary, but state to withhold certain categorical funds in those districts that do not implement the program by 7/01/2001. Title: A.B. 1A Changes Mentor Teacher Program Source: <i>"EdSource," May 1999</i>

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FL	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Adds administrators to the list of personnel subject to assessment procedure. Adds new criteria to assessment relating to performance of students as measured by state assessments and by local assessments for subjects and grade levels not included in state assessment program. Ability to communicate with parents criterion is strengthened by new language requiring establishment and maintenance of a positive collaborative relationship with students' families to increase student achievement. Provides for performance of students to be primary basis for assessment procedure. Employees assigned to "D" or "F" schools who are rated unsatisfactory must be tested and demonstrate their ability to pass an appropriate test of general knowledge, subject area expertise, or professional competencies.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i></p>
TN	Signed by governor Apr-99	<p>Requires commissioner of education to review evaluations of teachers and applicants; deletes state conducted evaluations of apprentice teachers.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 1594 Requires Commissioner to Review Teacher Evaluations Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
TN	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Revises procedures on evaluation of apprentice teachers to recognize elimination of probationary teacher status.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 296 Changes Evaluation of Apprentice Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Provides for reformatting and restructuring statutory provisions on licensing of educators; establishes criteria for using substitute teachers; provides for a hearing process regarding complaints against educators.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 109 Teacher Licensing and Evaluation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Amends standard five of the Standards of Quality to clarify that appropriate teacher performance evaluations, as well as professional development and training, are essential for effective educational leadership.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 1725 Amends Standards Related to Teaching Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	<p>Directs local school boards to require annual evaluations of probationary teachers which must include performance criteria; directs school boards to adopt employment policies that include incentives for excellence in teaching.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 1726 Requires Evaluations to Include Performance Criteria Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	<p>Relates to the Education Accountability and Quality Enhancement Act; makes a variety of changes to the statutes governing teacher preparation, evaluation and employment.</p> <p>Title: H.B. 2710 Teacher Preparation, Evaluation and Employment Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i></p>
TEACHER MENTORS/INDUCTION		
CA	Proposed Sep-99	<p>Establishes the California Teacher Cadet Program for the purpose of introducing high school students to the teaching profession.</p> <p>Title: A.B. 192 Creates California Teacher Cadet Program Source: <i>California State Assembly</i></p>

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CA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Replaces existing Mentor Teacher Program in July 2001. Strongly urges districts to designate "consulting" teachers who will assist other teachers and be involved in their performance evaluation. Districts encouraged to participate to avoid losing specific categorical funding. Implementation details subject to negotiation through collective bargaining process. Target date is 7/01/2001 - \$6,680 per consulting teacher. Districts with program in place by July the previous year get extra \$1,800 per consulting teacher. Considered voluntary, but state to withhold certain categorical funds in those districts that do not implement the program by 7/01/2001. Title: A.B. 1A Changes Mentor Teacher Program Source: "EdSource," May 1999
MS	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes local school districts to compensate mentor teachers for additional duties performed under the Beginning Teacher Support Program; grants additional release time for such mentor teachers; employ substitute teachers for assuming the regular teaching duties of mentor teachers; clarifies that mentor teachers may be retired teachers meeting certain qualifications. Title: H.B. 694 Authorizes Compensation of Mentor Teachers Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet
TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
CA	Signed by governor Aug-98	Extends school year for K-12 to 180 days. Eliminates the 8 days of staff development, provides funding for up to three days for optional staff development for certified teachers and one day for instructional aides. Title: S.B. 1193 Extends School Year Source: "EDCAL," September 7, 1998
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Implements a comprehensive approach to improve teaching quality by raising standards for certification, establishing a statewide system for inservice professional development, and increasing accountability for administrators. Department of Education must review Chapter 231, F.S., and recommend, by January 1, 2000, more rigorous standards for initial and continuing certification, and more alternative certification options for persons with specific subject-area expertise. Establishes a network of professional development academies in each region of the state operated in partnership with area business partners to develop and deliver high quality training programs purchased by the districts. To be eligible for funds, the academy must demonstrate that it can effectively train teachers to improve their skills in elementary reading and math, the use of instructional technology, high school algebra, and classroom management. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: "Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"
TEACHER QUALITY		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Provides for teachers to be licensed in the grade level or subject they teach and for substitute teachers to have a bachelor's degree. Title: S.B. 574 Requires Teachers to be Licensed Source: Lexis-Nexis/StateNet
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Teachers Teaching Out of Field: School boards are required to adopt and implement a plan to ensure the competency of teachers with out-of-field teaching assignments. Out-of-field teachers must participate in a certification, staff development or peer assistance program. The cost of the program must be funded by the school board. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: "Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"

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FL	Signed by governor May-99	States that the primary duties of instructional personnel are to help students meet or exceed learning goals and state and local achievement requirements, and to help students master skills to graduate from high school and be prepared for postsecondary education, technical education, or work. These duties apply to instructional personnel whether they teach or function in a support role. The bill adds provisions for technology-based instruction with regards to teacher duties. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: "Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"
FL	Signed by governor May-98	Relates to the Excellent Teacher Program; provides legislative findings and intent; authorizing monetary incentives and bonuses for teaching excellence; provides for annual allocations to districts; provides fee subsidies and conditions for repayment of subsidies for participating in the certification program of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards; requires the distribution of certain monetary bonuses to teachers. Title: H.B. 3389 Authorizes Merit Pay for Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor May-99	Relates to the national board certification awards; establishes a national board certification pilot project; requires studies by the Department of Education. Title: H.B. 766 Establishes Board Certification Pilot Project Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides a salary adjustment of not less than \$ 3,000 for certain public school teachers having certificates issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Title: H.B. 718 Provides Pay Increase for Board-certified Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Signed by governor Jun-98	Expands the Education Leadership Oklahoma program from a maximum of 100 teachers to 400. Sets the bonus for achieving National Board status at \$5,000. Title: S.B. 770 Expands Education Leadership Oklahoma Program Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Makes variety of changes to statutes governing teacher preparation, evaluation, and employment, including (i) directing Board of Education to prescribe by regulation uniform performance standards and criteria to be used by local school boards in evaluating superintendents, (ii) establishing the National Teacher Certification Reward Program to provide annual monetary awards of \$ 5,000 to teachers achieving and maintaining national certification. Title: S.B. 1145 Establishes Awards for National Certification Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TEACHER RECRUITMENT/SHORTAGES		
AR	Signed by governor Feb-99	States that state supported colleges and universities must report to the department of education the name, address and major of each minority student completing college requirements for licensure as school teacher. Title: H.B. 1466 Requires Report of Minority Teaching Candidates Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Proposed Sep-99	Establishes the California Teacher Cadet Program for the purpose of introducing high school students to the teaching profession. Title: A.B. 192 Creates California Teacher Cadet Program Source: <i>California State Assembly</i>

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CA	Signed by governor Sep-98	Intended to encourage teachers of other subjects to switch to math. Provides loans to pay for further education, and if the teacher returns to the same district to teach math, the loans are forgiven. Title: A.B. 496 Encourages Teachers to Switch to Math Source: "EDCAL," September 28, 1998
HI	Vetoed Jul-98	Establishes temporary commission on educational accountability. Authorizes hiring retired teachers as part-time instructors. Authorizes charging a deposit fee for textbooks. Requires cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses in Dept. of Education reports. Establishes a comprehensive student support system. Title: H.B. 2564 Temporary Commission on Educational Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides a tuition exemption for school support personnel working in public schools seeking to become certified teachers. Title: S.B. 1054 Provides Tuition Exemption Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor Jun-99	Expands the current college student loan program for teachers to cover graduate study by speech pathologists seeking educational certification. Title: S.B. 703 Expands Loan Program for Speech Pathologists Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Simplifies the lateral entry program for teachers; permits school boards to employ as teachers individuals meeting certain criteria even if they do not meet the requirements of the State Board of Education for initial or continuing teacher certification; provides that such individuals may receive an initial certification if he or she passes the standard examination within 1 year after employment or prior to initial employment. Title: H.B. 1167 Changes Lateral Entry Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NC	Signed by governor Nov-98	Allows local Boards of Education to employ teachers who are legally certified in another state even though they may not be certified in North Carolina; provides an alternative method for local boards to hire lateral entry teachers. Title: S.B. 1124 Allows Boards to Employ Out-of-state Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Mandates TEA to implement a federal program to assist persons who have served in the armed forces to obtain certification as a teacher and teach, especially in shortage areas. The person must have a BA or advanced degree and apply to the program. TEA will give preference to those who have educational or military experience in science, math, or engineering or other shortage areas and who agree to accept full time employment in one of these areas. After acceptance into the program, the person will receive a stipend of \$5,000. Should the person not receive certification as a teacher, they must forfeit the stipend. Title: S.B. 4 (Part of Omnibus Bill) Troops to Teachers Program Source: "Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Codifies the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program and sets out the criteria for awards to students pursuing teaching degrees in critical teacher shortage areas, paraprofessionals who are transitioning to licensed teachers, and awards under the Minorities in Teaching Program; provides that students may repay the loans by teaching in an underserved area or in a school with a moderate or high concentration of at-risk students. Title: H.B. 2607 Creates Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires local school boards to make information about the teaching profession available to secondary students through their employment counseling and placement services and to all students as part of K-12 career education programs. Title: H.B. 1895 Making Information on Teaching Available Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TEACHER TENURE		
AK	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to teacher tenure; provides that a teacher who has acquired tenure in a school district in the state and loses tenure in the district because of a break in service may re-acquire tenure in that school district. Title: S.B. 98 Authorizes Reinstatement of Tenure Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends various sections of the Teacher Fair Dismissal Act; amends various statutes regarding termination and nonrenewal of school employees. Title: S.B. 932 Termination and Nonrenewal of Employees Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Amends various provisions of the Teacher Fair Dismissal Act. Title: S.B. 517 Changes Teacher Fair Dismissal Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
DE	Died Oct-98	Allows school employees to use accrued sick leave for absences necessary due to serious illness of an immediate family member, creates a donated leave program. Title: H.B. 305 Authorizes Sick Leave for School Employees Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Feb-99	Related to teachers; provides for notice to an administrative employee upon reassignment to a nonadministrative position; provides for informal review of the reassignment upon request of the employee; provides for issuance of supplemental contracts which allow for extra duty assignments for certificated employees; provides a procedure for notice; provides an informal review when a Board of Trustees does not reissue a supplemental contract. Title: H.B. 201 Teacher Contracts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MI	Signed by governor Aug-98	Revises provisions in teacher tenure act; creates a state tenure committee; prescribes powers and duties therefor. Title: S.B. 884 Revises Teacher Tenure Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MO	Signed by governor Jun-98	Provides that teaching certificates may be revoked if the holder is found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, and must be revoked if the holder is found guilty of first degree murder or dangerous felony, certain sexual offenses, certain offenses against the family, or certain offenses relating to child pornography. A teacher whose certificate has been revoked may appeal to the state board, and may appeal the state board's decision in circuit court. Additionally, tenure for St. Louis principals is abolished, and the time period for St. Louis teacher to gain tenure is raised from three to five years. Title: H.B. 1469 Revoking Teaching Certificates for Certain Crimes Source: <i>House Research Staff, Missouri House Representatives</i>
NC	Signed by governor May-99	Increases number of days within which a board of education must hold a teacher dismissal hearing; clarifies that superintendent's designee may be present at case manager hearing; allows time for superintendent to obtain a copy of case manager transcript; decreases number of days within which superintendent must provide a list of witnesses for a board hearing on a reduction in force; changes date when local board must notify teacher whether probationary contracts have been renewed. Title: S.B. 898 Teacher Dismissal Hearings Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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ND	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to participation in the Teachers' Fund for Retirement by retired persons who have resumed teaching; provides an effective date; provides an expiration date. Title: S.B. 2282 Teachers' Fund for Retirement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ND	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to teacher suspensions. Title: H.B. 1224 Teacher Suspensions Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Apr-99	Amends the period in which noncertified public school employees may request and receive a hearing to appeal suspension; termination or nonrenewal decisions. Title: S.B. 531 Teacher Suspension Hearings Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides a time to appeal notice of termination to a school board and to conduct a hearing thereon. Title: H.B. 1210 Notice of Termination Appeals Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SD	Signed by governor Jan-99	Clarifies the notification date requirements, renewal of certain teacher contracts. Title: S.B. 179 Renewal of Teacher Contracts Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TN	Signed by governor Mar-99	Revises procedures on evaluation of apprentice teachers to recognize elimination of probationary teacher status. Title: H.B. 296 Changes Evaluation of Apprentice Teachers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Modifies definitions in the Orderly School Termination Procedures Act and dismissal procedures; provides for waiver of hearings, suspension without pay, issuance of subpoenas and an appeal process and clarifies provisional employee status. Title: S.B. 146 Termination Procedures Act Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TECHNOLOGY		
AZ	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires public schools and public libraries to prevent minors from gaining access on the Internet to materials that are considered harmful to minors; defines "harmful to minors" and "public access computer"; requires a public school that provides public access computers to install computer software that would prevent minors from gaining access to material that is harmful to minors. Title: H.B. 2409 Access to Internet Materials Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Proposed Sep-99	Establishes the Commission on Technology in Learning to provide policy recommendations to the State Board of Education in areas related to technology and requires school districts to have a technology plan as a precondition of receiving any technology grant from the State Department of Education. Title: A.B. 598 Creates Commission on Technology in Learning Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jan-99	Relates to transfer of assistive technology devices for students with disabilities who leave certain school districts. Title: H.B. 633 Interdistrict Transfer of Assistive Technology Devices Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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WA	Signed by governor May-99	Creates the K-20 Educational Network Board; ensures that the K-20 educational telecommunications network is operated in a way that serves the broad public interest above the interest of any network user; provides that actions of the telecommunication oversight and policy committee in effect on June 30, 1999, shall remain in effect thereafter unless modified or repealed by the K-20 board. Title: S.B. 5789 Creates K-20 Educational Network Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
WA	Signed by governor May-99	Authorizes the donation of surplus computers and computer related equipment to school districts and educational service districts; directs the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of General Administration to jointly, by September 1, 1999, develop guidelines and distribution standards for the purpose of implementing this act; directs guidelines to include considerations for quality, school district need, and accountability. Title: S.B. 5175 Allows Donation of Surplus Computers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TECHNOLOGY—ACCESS/EQUITY		
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes the statewide educational technology opportunity program to provide low-cost, state-of-art computers for New Mexico's classrooms. Title: H.B. 850 Creates Program to Provide Computers to Classrooms Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TECHNOLOGY—FINANCE		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requests the house and senate interim committees on revenue and taxation study the feasibility and desirability of improving instructional technology and support in public schools and to identify revenue sources to do so. Title: H.C.R. 1026 Requires Study on Technology in Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CO	Signed by governor May-99	Concerns the assumption of certain functions relating to advanced technology programs by the Commission on Higher Education, and in connection therewith, abolishes the Colorado Advanced Technology Institute and the Colorado Advanced Technology Institute Commission and transfers moneys appropriated to the institute for the 1999-2000 fiscal year to the Commission on Higher Education and the Governor's office. Title: H.B. 1359 Transfer of Technology Programs to Commission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor Apr-99	Re-creates the Education Media and Technology Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carries forward current balances and continues current sources and uses. Title: H.B. 1171 Education Media and Technology Trust Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes an Iowa early intervention block grant program; provides goal of class reduction; provides direction and resources for success, especially in reading including enabling parents to improve their child's reading; includes phonemic awareness training; provides for accountability; requires technology plan; provides for a school improvement technology block grant program; makes appropriations. Title: H.B. 743 Establishes Early Intervention Block Grant Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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IN	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requires each school corporation to establish a school corporation technology fund; provides that money appropriated from a school corporation general fund for technology purposes, plus grants, and donations must be deposited in the school corporation technology fund; provides that any savings realized by a school corporation as a result of federal legislation calling for universal service discount must be deposited in the school corporation technology fund. Title: S.B. 619 Requires Schools to Establish Technology Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NE	Signed by governor Jul-99	Defines technology, technical training and technology infrastructure. States intent to appropriate \$3 million for 1999-2000 for Educational Service Units (ESU) to use for technology infrastructure and expresses intent for future appropriations to increase by growth in fall membership of member districts plus the basic allowable growth rate. Amends authorization for lottery funds to be distributed for educational technology. Title: L.B. 386 Funding for Technology Infrastructure Source: <i>Nebraska Legislature</i>
NM	Signed by governor Mar-99	Designates specific revenues for payment of lease-purchase arrangements under the Education Technology Equipment Act. Title: H.B. 718 Education Technology Equipment Act. Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OK	Proposed Jan-99	Authorizes school districts to hold elections for approval of ad valorem taxes for the purpose of a technology fund for schools. Title: S.J.R. 8 Authorizes Districts Raise Taxes for Technology Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that the computers for public schools pilot program may include a component to build new computers; phases out the state appropriation; provides that charges to districts for purchasing computers under the program reflect the need to keep the program economically viable as the state appropriation is being phased out; modifies the decision making process; provides for a distributions process. Title: S.B. 70 Computers for Public Schools Pilot Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Establishes, with such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, the Virginia Public School Educational Technology Grants Program and Trust Fund to provide grants to eligible school divisions for educational technology, including infrastructure, software, and hardware acquisitions and replacement, and innovative programs to advance the effectiveness of educational technology. Title: H.B. 2241 Creates Educational Technology Grants Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TECHNOLOGY—INDUSTRY INITIATIVES		
OK	Passed May-98	Allows a state college or university, and higher education employees, to own technology and to own an interest in a private business which makes a product or invents a process or other idea. Permits laws to be passed to control how a college or university or employee could own a business interest. PLACED ON BALLOT. Title: H.J.R. 1073 Technology Transfer Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>
OK	Signed by governor May-98	Seeks to advance ties between university research and private industry by addressing use of facilities, investment in research conducted with the aid of higher education and product development. Title: H.B. 2863 Oklahoma Technology Transfer Act Source: <i>Research Division, Oklahoma House of Representatives</i>

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TECHNOLOGY—INFRASTRUCTURE		
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for the Partnership Technology Center capital improvement appropriation. Title: S.B. 708 Partnership Technology Center Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Allows the Distance Learning and Multi-purpose Classroom Facility capital improvement appropriation. Title: S.B. 710 Capital Improvement Appropriation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Vetoed Jul-99	Requires the State Board of Education to create a program to refurbish and upgrade donated computers as high quality computers for use by children in schools, park district programs, and community centers; requires the Department of Corrections to establish a correctional industry whereby donated computers are refurbished by prisoners pursuant to the program. Title: H.B. 497 Program to Upgrade and Refurbish Donated Computers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ME	Signed by governor Jun-99	Repeals the requirement that telecommunications carriers provide telecommunications services to schools and libraries but continues the requirements that the carriers contribute to a telecommunications education access fund; gives Public Utilities Commission the responsibility to administer the fund and allocate funds to qualified libraries and qualified schools based upon specific criteria. Title: H.B. 1516 Telecommunications Education Access Fund Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TECHNOLOGY—INSTRUCTION		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Requests the house and senate interim committees on revenue and taxation study the feasibility and desirability of improving instructional technology and support in public schools and to identify revenue sources to do so. Title: H.C.R. 1026 Requires Study on Technology in Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CO	Signed by governor Jun-99	Authorizes a Charter school to create and operate on-line programs either by itself or in conjunction with other charter schools, school districts, or boards of cooperative services; defines "on-line program;" requires that the creation and operation of an on-line program by a charter school shall be pursuant to all requirements under the charter school act. Title: S.B. 52 Authorizes Charter Schools to Operate On-line Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Requires such governing authorities to adopt certain policies regarding access by students and school employees to certain Internet and on-line sites; provides certain exceptions; and provides for related matters. Title: H.B. 2048 Access to Internet Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor Feb-99	Requires publishers of textbooks adopted by school systems to furnish certain instructional resource centers with electronic materials allowing textbook text conversion into Braille or synthesized speech. Title: H.B. 377/S.B. 269 Requires Electronic Version of Textbooks Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NM	Signed by governor Apr-99	Establishes the statewide educational technology opportunity program to provide low-cost, state-of-art computers for New Mexico's classrooms. Title: H.B. 850 Creates Program to Provide Computers to Classrooms Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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OK	Signed by governor Jan-99	Provides for grants for the development of Internet homework, tutoring, and chatroom pilot program; directs the State Board of Education to develop criteria and to promulgate rules; relates to test preparation assistance on the Internet. Title: H.B. 1647 Authorizes Grants for Internet Instruction Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Died Mar-99	Relates to supporting the future development and expansion of voluntary career and technology academic programs throughout our Texas high schools. Title: H.C.R. 117 Technology Academic Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires that the Board of Education contract, with such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, for the development or purchase of interactive educational software designed as tutorials to improve achievement on the Standards of Learning assessments. Title: H.B. 2480 Requires Board to Use Software to Improve Achievement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Requires that the Board of Education contract, with such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, for the development or purchase of interactive educational software designed as tutorials to improve achievement on the Standards of Learning assessments. Title: H.B. 2480 Purchase of Interactive Educational Software Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TECHNOLOGY—POLICIES & PLANS		
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes the Office of Information Technology; provides for director appointed by governor; provides for distribution of lottery funds to public schools and public institutions of higher education. Title: H.B. 586/S.B. 385 Establishes Office of Information Technology Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Proposed Sep-99	Establishes the Commission on Technology in Learning to provide policy recommendations to the State Board of Education in areas related to technology and requires school districts to have a technology plan as a precondition of receiving any technology grant from the State Department of Education. Title: A.B. 598 Creates Commission on Technology in Learning Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CO	Signed by governor May-99	Concerns the assumption of certain functions relating to advanced technology programs by the Commission on Higher Education, and in connection therewith, abolishes the Colorado Advanced Technology Institute and the Colorado Advanced Technology Institute Commission and transfers moneys appropriated to the institute for the 1999-2000 fiscal year to the Commission on Higher Education and the Governor's office. Title: H.B. 1359 Transfer of Technology Programs to Commission Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IL	Proposed Jun-99	Requires the State Board of Education to make available on its World Wide Web Site the report cards on school performance submitted from each school district. Title: H.B. 1812 Requires Board to Publish Report Cards on Website Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TECHNOLOGY—TEACHER/FACULTY TRAINING		
VA	Signed by governor May-99	Directs the Board of Education to include in its licensure regulations a requirement that on and after 7/1/2003, persons seeking initial licensure or license renewal as teachers demonstrate minimum proficiency in the use of educational technology; enforces standards 6 of the Standards of Quality to require local school boards to provide programs of professional development in educational technology for all instructional personnel. Title: H.B. 2263 Demonstration of Minimum Proficiency in Technology Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA °	Signed by governor Mar-99	Clarifies that the institutes for training teachers, administrators and librarians to be established by the Council of Higher Education at no more than 3 sites at public colleges or universities are to provide in-service training in the effective use of educational technology for teachers, administrators and librarians in the elementary and secondary schools. Title: H.B. 2671 Requires In-service Training in Technology Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Directs the Board of Education to include in its licensure regulations a requirement that on and after 7/1/03, persons seeking initial licensure or license renewal as teachers demonstrate minimum proficiency in the use of educational technology; enforces Standard 6 of Standards of Quality to require local school boards to provide programs of professional development in educational technology for all instructional personnel. Title: H.B. 2263 Requires Minimum Proficiency in Technology Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TEXTBOOKS		
AL	Signed by governor Jun-99	Specifies that all components of classroom instructional support as specified in the Foundation Program, with the exception of textbook funds, will be subject to the school level allocation and purchasing process currently specified for classroom materials and supplies. Title: H.B. 215 Materials Purchasing Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
CA	Signed by governor Nov-98	Shortens the usual 30-month waiting period between approval of textbook criteria and the actual adoption of textbooks. Designed to expedite the adoption of textbooks that meet the new state academic content standards. Title: A.B. 2519 Shortens Waiting Period for Approved Textbooks Source: <i>"Sacramento Education Legislative Letter"</i>
CA	Signed by governor Aug-98	Appropriates \$250 million for new language arts, math, history/social science, or science textbooks, allocated on a per pupil basis. Texts must be aligned with state standards. Title: A.B. 2041 Appropriates Funds for Textbooks Source: <i>"EDCAL," September 7, 1998</i>
HI	Vetoed Jul-98	Establishes temporary commission on educational accountability. Authorizes hiring retired teachers as part-time instructors. Authorizes charging a deposit fee for textbooks. Requires cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses in Dept. of Education reports. Establishes a comprehensive student support system. Title: H.B. 2564 Temporary Commission on Educational Accountability Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides relative to school books, including publisher contracts, depository, adoption procedures, and sale, donation, and disposal of unusable books. Title: H.B. 1753 Textbook Procedures Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Signed by governor Feb-99	Requires publishers of textbooks adopted by school systems to furnish certain instructional resource centers with electronic materials allowing textbook text conversion into Braille or synthesized speech. Title: H.B. 377/S.B. 269 Requires Electronic Version of Textbooks Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
NV	Signed by governor Jun-99	Makes the Council to Establish Academic Standards permanent and charges it with developing grade-by-grade standards for K-8 in English and mathematics. Sets the make-up of council. Requires that course of study prescribed and enforced by the state board must comply with the content and performance standards established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards, and that textbooks approved by the state board must adequately support the standards. Local boards are required to align curriculum with the standards. Also requires state board to consult with local boards when reviewing teacher-training programs and may not approve those programs unless they offer training in the new standards. Title: S.B. 466 Sets Requirements for Academic Standards Source: <i>Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau</i>
TRANSFER/ARTICULATION		
TX	Signed by governor May-99	Relates to course credits offered under an agreement between a school district and a junior college. Title: S.B. 1352 School District and Junior College Course Credits Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TUITION/FEES		
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Revises 24 month residency requirements for 1997 and 1998 grads from 24 months prior to high school graduation to 24 months prior to college enrollment. Title: S.B. 198 Revises Residency Requirements Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Clarifies that no person may be charged tuition for admission to enrollment in public schools, whether on a full- or part-time basis, who meets the various residency criteria; includes the enrollment of public and nonpublic school students in Governor's Schools, as well as the part-time enrollment of nonpublic school students in other public schools. Title: S.B. 1284 Clarifies Residency Criteria and Tuition Charges Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Jan-99	Adds to the list of persons for whom tuition may be charged for public school attendance, those individuals who, as residents who were enrolled in public school within the school division, are required as a result of military or Federal orders issued to their parents to move to on Federal property in another state or in the District of Columbia, if the school division subsequently enrolling the student is contiguous to such state or District of Columbia. Title: H.B. 2673 Tuition for Attendance in Public School Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TUITION/FEES—PREPAID/COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS		
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Establishes Florida College Savings Program; provides for deposits in program and earnings to be exempt from taxation; provides for program to be administered by Florida Prepaid College Board and for program to be qualified state tuition program for Federal tax purposes; provides requirements for and for duration of participation agreements; provides for distributions from account for qualified higher education expenses, etc. Title: S.B. 1984 Creates Florida College Savings Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
IA	Signed by governor May-99	Relates to the Iowa educational savings plan trust. Title: S.B. 457 Iowa Educational Savings Plan Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
LA	Signed by governor Jul-99	Provides certain changes relative to the Louisiana Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust Program, START Program; relates to education savings accounts. Title: H.B. 1235 START Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OR	Signed by governor Jul-99	Establishes Oregon Qualified Tuition Savings Program and Oregon Qualified Tuition Savings Board; permits state residents to contribute amounts to program for future higher education expenses; directs board to manage program to ensure that program complies with federal tax law requirements for deferral of federal and state income tax on contribution earnings; allows subtraction from taxable income for contributions to qualified tuition savings program. Title: S.B. 756 Creates Tuition Savings Program and Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
SC	Signed by governor Jun-99	Provides that in the event the State determines by law or otherwise that the States tuition prepayment program and its fund should be discontinued and all tuition prepayment contracts canceled, contributors shall be entitled to a refund of all payments to the fund plus interest on these contributions at the rate of 4% per annum; provides that if the fund does not have sufficient moneys to make such refunds, the deficiencies shall be paid from the General Fund of the State. Title: H.B. 3720 Tuition Prepayment Program Refunds Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Signed by governor May-99	Relates to prepaid tuition for graduate and professional degree programs at public institutions of higher education. Title: H.B. 2555 Prepaid Tuition for Graduate Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UT	Signed by governor Mar-99	Relates to higher education; modifies provisions in the Higher Education Savings and Supplemental Savings Incentive Programs related to amounts participants may invest in the programs; provides that the State Board of Regents shall establish those amounts; provides for savings amounts in addition to the amount which qualifies for state income tax deductibility. Title: H.B. 261 Investments in Higher Education Savings Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Allows the purchaser of a prepaid tuition contract to take a state income tax deduction for the full amount paid from his adjusted gross income in the year the payment is made if the purchaser is age 70 when the contract was purchased. Title: H.B. 1933 Authorizes Tax Deduction for Prepaid Tuition Contract Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Authorizes the Board of the Higher Education Trust Fund to create a savings trust account program; provides that savings trust accounts will be offered in addition to the existing prepaid tuition contracts; establishes an individual income tax deduction for amounts contributed to a savings trust account; unused portions of the deduction to be carried forward until the contribution has been fully deducted. Title: S.B. 919 Authorizes Savings Trust Account Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UNIFORMS/DRESS CODES		
OR	Vetoed Jul-99	Encourages school district board to adopt policy to require students to wear school uniform; requires minimum of six months' notice to parents prior to implementation of school uniform requirement; allows parents to seek exemption from uniform requirement; prohibits penalizing students who are exempt from requirement. Title: S.B. 751 Encourages School Uniform Policy Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
UNIONS/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING		
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Requires state board to adopt rules to ensure that not-for-profit, professional teacher association which offer membership to teachers, non-instructional personnel, and administrators, and which offer teacher training at no fee to the district be given equal access to voluntary teacher meetings, and teacher mailboxes for distribution of professional literature, and be authorized to collect voluntary membership fees. Title: H.B. 751 A+ Plan (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>"Academic Excellence Council 1999 End-of-Session Report"</i>
MN	Signed by governor May-99	Repeals the January 15 deadline for settlement of teacher contracts. Title: H.B. 2333 Repeals Deadline for Settlement Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
URBAN		
MI	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for appointment of reform school board by mayor in certain school districts. Title: S.B. 297 Appointment of Reform School Board Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

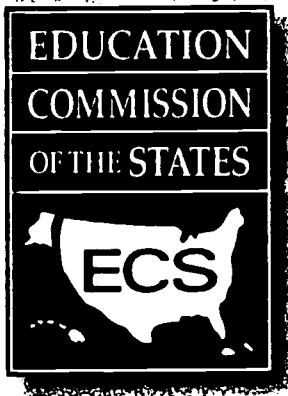
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OR	Vetoed Jul-99	Allows county comprehensive plans to establish or extend urban services from inside urban growth boundary to area inside county but outside growth boundary if certain conditions are met; prohibits local government and Land Conservation and Development Commission from prohibiting siting of public school facility in urban reserve area. Title: H.B. 3259 Allows Extension of Urban Services Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
RI	Signed by governor Jul-98	Creates the Rhode Island Urban Education Act; appropriates funds to the cities based on the total number of students in each community. Title: H.B. 7787 Urban Education Act. Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
RI	Signed by governor Jul-98	Establishes urban after-school programs to provide students the opportunity to engage in educational, cultural and social activities. Title: H.B. 7966 Establishes Urban After-school Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Allows reimbursement to Technical Institutes, Vocational Technical Schools, and other schools for expenses related to a student's participation in vocational service organizations; relates to disbursement of funds by the Department of Workforce Education. Title: S.B. 776 Reimbursements for Participation Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Apr-99	Pertains to postsecondary vocational and technical education. Title: S.B. 757 Vocational and Technical Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
AR	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides for a construction industry craft training education program in vocational schools, technical schools and colleges and for other purposes. Provides a maximum surcharge which may be levied. Title: S.B. 817 Creates Construction Industry Training Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
ID	Signed by governor Mar-99	Changes the name of the Division of Vocational Education to the Division of Professional-Technical Education. Title: S.B. 1246 Creates Division of Professional-technical Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TN	Signed by governor Jun-99	Authorizes Department of Education to include secondary education activities of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act in a unified plan with other workforce development programs. Title: S.J.R. 210 Authorizes Incorporation of Perkins Act with Other Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TN	Signed by governor Mar-99	Provides that the State Council for Vocational-Technical Education shall terminate on June 30, 2007. Title: S.B. 119 Provides Termination Date for Vocational-technical Education Council Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the identification of technical education programs that are needed to maintain and improve the state's economic and technical competitiveness. Title: S.B. 1819 Technical Education Programs Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Establishes a voluntary Workforce Training Program for certain students. Title: H.B. 2401 Creates Workforce Training Program Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
TX	Signed by governor Jun-99	Relates to the creation of the high priority program fund to support vocational and technical education. Title: S.B. 1780 Creates Fund for Vocational and Technical Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VA	Signed by governor Mar-99	Directs the Board of Education to incorporate into Vocational Education the Standards of Learning in mathematics, english, science, and social studies, and other subjects as appropriate; establishes, with such funds as may be appropriated, within the Department of Education a unit of specialists in vocational education. Title: H.B. 2476 Requires Standards in Vocational Education Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
VOUCHERS		
CT	Died Jul-98	Establishes a tax credit for qualified education expenses for a child in a public or nonpublic school in Connecticut. Title: H.B. 5180 Creates Tax Credit Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
FL	Signed by governor May-99	Revises provisions regarding private school opportunity scholarships to be provided to certain public school students; provides student eligibility requirements; provides parental involvement requirements; provides for identification of schools by performance grade category according to student and school performance date. Title: H.B. 751 Private School Opportunity Scholarships Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Died Jun-99	Authorizes Delegate Scholarships to be used at nonpublic primary and secondary schools by students attending public schools subject to reconstitution. Title: H.B. 668 Authorizes Use of Delegate Scholarships at Private Schools Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Died Feb-99	Allows an income tax subtraction modification for specified education related expenses paid for dependents in kindergarten through grade 12, subject to specified limitations. Title: H.B. 564 Allows Tax Subtraction Modification for Certain Expenses Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Died Feb-99	Provides a credit against the Maryland State income tax and against the county income tax for tuition paid to a private institution of elementary or secondary education. Title: S.B. 605 Provides Tuition Tax Credit Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
MD	Died Feb-99	Allows an individual or a corporation a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for computer equipment that is donated to a private or parochial elementary or secondary school in the State. Title: H.B. 391 Authorizes Subtraction Modification for Donated Computers Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>
OH	Signed by governor Jun-99	Repeals the current law establishing the Cleveland voucher program and enacts language nearly identical to the former, except for a new provision establishing the program as for K-5 rather than K-8 students, and the omission of former language which allowed participating private schools to give admissions preference to members of organizations financially supporting the schools. Title: H.B. 282 Revises Cleveland Voucher Program (Part of Omnibus Bill) Source: <i>Lexis-Nexis/StateNet</i>

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TX	Died Jul-99	<p>Creates a public education scholarship program in counties with a population of 575,00 or more; students who did not pass the most recent TAAS and were educationally disadvantaged could receive a voucher for a private school.</p> <p>Title: S.B. 10 Creates Scholarship Program for Certain Students Source: "Advocate," Texas State Teachers Association, Summer 1999</p>

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