
Key People Cafe

Legislative Update
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Introductions

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Opiate Antagonists and Detection Products in Schools

- **HB24-1003**
- The bill allows for the adoption of a policy for maintaining a supply of opiate antagonists on school buses and extends civil and criminal immunity to school bus operators who administer an opiate antagonists.
- The bill also requires a school district to allow students to possess or administer an opiate antagonist or non-laboratory detection test.



Non-Legal Name Changes

- HB24-1039
- Section 1 of the bill requires public schools to use a student's preferred name, and deems a school's refusal to use the student's preferred name a form of discrimination.
- Section 2 creates a task force in the department of education—the task force would be tasked with examining existing school policies and provide recommendations to schools on how to best implement student non-legal name change policies.



Addressing Abbreviated School Days

- HB24-1069
- The bill clarifies what constitutes an abbreviated school day and describes the effects of placing children with disabilities on abbreviated school day schedules (abbreviated schedule).
- The bill requires the department of education (department) to create and implement a policy.



Allowing Certain Items at School Graduation

- HB24-1070
- The bill allows a preschool, public school, or public college or university student to wear and display religious or cultural regalia at a graduation ceremony.
- It also prohibits a preschool, school, or public college or university from restricting what a student may wear under the student's required graduation attire.



Independent Ethics Commission Jurisdiction

- HB24-1073
- The bill gives the independent ethics commission jurisdiction to hear complaints, issue findings, assess penalties, and issue advisory opinions on ethics issues concerning a special district official or employee or school district official or employee.
 - Existing law establishes ethical standards for a special district official or employee or school district official or employee.



Content of Material in Libraries

- SB24-049
- The bill establishes a process by which a student, parent, or member of the community may object to a library resource in a school or public library—
 - The process requires a committee to be convened in order to review the material
- CASB Board of Directors have voted to oppose this bill.



Other CASB Updates–

- **Days at the Capitol–February 15th**
- **Winter Legislative Conference–February 29th-March 1**
 - **Next cafe March 14th–SPU discussion**



Thank you for attending today's cafe!

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns:

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