

2018 Education Omnibus Bills Update

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The six Education Committee Omnibus bills were released March 22-April 17. While House E12 eventually merged into one omnibus bill containing policy and finance, Senate E12 had two bills moving forward. The House and Senate Higher Education committees each had their respective omnibus bill (H.F. 3638 and S.F. 3671).

With little over two weeks left of the legislative session, a 10-member conference committee will take on the differences between the House and Senate final omnibus supplemental appropriations bills.

Outcomes on bills introduced to address shortage of educators of color and American Indian educators in MN

- The comprehensive Increase Teachers of Color Act of 2018 (H.F. 3594/S.F.3263) was co-drafted and promoted by MCLA, stakeholders, and co-authors. It includes several provisions to improve pathways to teaching and retention.
- The Grow Your Own Teacher Training Programs bill (H.F. 3206/S.F. 3340) was co-drafted and promoted by MCLA with leading stakeholder group to improve GYO program administration, add rollover language and increase appropriations.
- Amendment to E12 Policy Omnibus bill to add charter schools as explicit eligible institutions to GYO program; MCLA was not actively working on this Amendment.

Omnibus Bill Outcomes per E-12 Committee & MN Youth Council

House E-12 Policy	HF 4328 DE Amendment posted late 4/16, testimony heard on 4/17 at midday; Amendments to DE considered 4/18. Heard in House Ways and Means on 4/23. HF 4328 included the policy HF 3315 DE (H3315DE1) Amendment, which was posted 3/19, testimony heard on 3/20, with amendments to DE considered 3/22. HF 4328 passed House, as amended, on 4/26.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Teachers of Color Act of 2018 (ITCA of 2018) and GYO bill (H.F. 3206) were heard in E-12 Finance, meeting policy and finance deadlines and laid over for possible inclusion. However, no provisions of the ITCA of 2018 or GYO program bill were included in House omnibus. • Charter schools made explicit eligible institutions for GYO nonconventional programs.
House E-12 Finance		
Senate E-12 Policy	SF 3086 DE Amendment posted 3/29; testimony heard 3/29.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter schools made explicit eligible institutions for GYO nonconventional programs. • GYO bill S.F. 3340 was heard in this committee and referred to E-12 Finance as Amended for possible inclusion.
Senate E-12 Finance	SF 3928 DE Amendment posted on 4/16 at 1:30 pm; testimony on SF 3928 DE Amendment Omnibus heard same day 4/16 at 3:00 pm. Heard in Senate Finance Committee on 4/24.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GYO program: Charter schools made explicit eligible institutions for GYO nonconventional programs. GYO Program changes relating to S.F. 3263 and S.F. 3340: • Program stays at \$1.5M total appropriations, but with separation of the way funds are distributed—now targets \$900K to nonconventional GYO programs for FY 19 and \$600K for FY 19 to the rest of the GYO programs. • Keeps 30% students of color or American Indian in school district and now charter school remains qualifying percentage for eligibility to participate in nonconventional GYO and the rest of the GYO programs. Stakeholders advocated for 25%. • Expands grant uses for rest of GYO programs aimed at persons of color/students of color and American Indian including: financial stipends and scholarships to teaching assistants, cultural liaisons or other non-licensed employees who are of color or American Indian, mentoring and experiences to enable persons of color or American Indian to become teachers in school-based, PELSBE approved programs. Adds development of residency programs for persons of color and American Indian through a school-based, board-approved programs. Adds supporting future teachers clubs involving middle and high school students who are of color or American Indian. • Adds Rollover language; keeps 3% admin funds; adds earlier grant applications reviewed by Sept. 15 and notifications of grants/amounts by Sept. 30.
Minnesota Youth Council	The MN Youth Council heard the Increase Teachers of Color Act of 2018 on 4/20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICTCA of 2018 passed to be included in their omnibus bill on a 16-0 vote. It was one of 8 bills selected to be heard by the MYC this Legislative Session. • By 2013 laws, the Youth Council is an official part of state government, titled the Minnesota Youth Council Committee. Council members represent Congressional Districts, but also include At-large members.