

2023 SDGA Senate Roll Calls for Scorecard

Title	Bill Number	Prime Sponsor	SDGA Position	Roll Call Motion	SDGA Position Yes/No	Yes Votes	No Votes	Vote #	Commentary / Call to Action
Relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board.	HB275	Ladd (R)	Support	Adopt CoC Report	Yes	15	9	85	Supports school choice and taxpayers. If parents choose a locally board approved tuition school above the local tuition cap, parents can choose the school but pay the difference in cost. Support with amendment.
Relative to eligibility of students in the education freedom account program	HB367	Lekas (R)	Support	OTP	Yes	14	10	61	Expands EFA income eligibility from 300% to 350% of poverty level
Relative to the uses of education trust fund.	HB440	Cordell (R)	Support	OTP/A	Yes	14	10	59	Adds important uses for education trust fund including Education Freedom Accounts, public charter schools, kindergarten grants, and the infrastructure fund.
Relative to changes in school placement for students.	SB077	Avard (R)	Support	OTP	Yes	14	10	2	Adds an approved private school to the options for placing a student that is in a manifest educational hardship. Authority to place in a private school still rests with the school board. Provides flexibility and another option to the school board to make the best placement when there is a manifest educational hardship for a student.
Relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.	SB114	Rosenwald (D)	Oppose	OTP	No	23	0	3	Attempts to make permanent the State of NH paying 7.5% of NH Retirement System contributions for teachers (and others). A better method that will lead to tax relief--each year, as state budget allows, the state may provide contributions (at an appropriate level) via a reduction in statewide property tax. Fixed aid may be viewed as a windfall and spent by school boards and administrators instead of being used for tax relief.
Establishing a department of early childhood education and relative to a pre-kindergarten pilot program.	SB214	Whitley (D)	Oppose	ITL	Yes	0	24	11	Unnecessarily expands public education with pilot program to include pre-K ages 3 and 4. Public school early intervention for special education is already available for ages 3 and 4.
Establishing a parents' bill of rights in education.	SB272	Carson (R)	Support	OTP/A	Yes	14	10	21	Much needed bill to provide parental bill of rights in education, define violations of rights, and parental notification of rights.