This past week saw a number of bills introduced and committee action speeding up. Next week all bills are due so we will know what we are dealing with. There are a number of title bills that have no content as they are introduced to be used at the end of session if we need a bill for something.

Most of the education bills will be taken care of by the education lobbyists so I may not list all the education issues. One bill a legislator is introducing is a bill to add a penalty and fine to people who report child abuse in error. This is not needed as it will be a disincentive to people reporting child abuse and we need to make sure all suspected cases are reported.

SENATE BILLS

SB 5 – Includes a child’s legal parents and custodians in the list of parties who may receive information related to reports of the child’s abuse or neglect – passed Senate 35-0. You don’t have to worry about revealing the people who report child abuse because I checked this out with DSS and all reports are confidential and can only be revealed through a judge’s order. This is designed for non-custodial parents. Bill is now in House Judiciary for hearing.

SB 7 – Permit Medicaid to qualify as a victim for purposes of restitution in criminal cases – bill was amended to delete just Medicaid and language was changed to government entity – passed Senate 35-0 and passed House committee – on House floor

SB 14 – Limit the time children in need of supervision are held in detention under certain circumstances – passed committee 7-0, placed on consent, pulled from consent, then passed Senate 34-0 – hearing in House Judiciary on February 1.

SB 31 – Provide for release of adult abuse information to certain parties to assist in provision of adult protection services. Passed Senate 34-1

SB 34 – Appropriation of $100 million for broadband expansion – sent to Joint Appropriations Committee

SB 35 – Appropriation of $4 million to Revenue and Health for implementation, regulation, taxation, etc of marijuana – sent to the Joint Appropriation Committee

SB 46 – DOE bill to allow for consideration of certain instruction to count towards the minimum number of hours required in a school term- has emergency clause – passed Senate 35-0 and passed House Committee, on House floor

SB 49 – Annual levy bill for state aid, special education – will be around all session as this is one of the last bills to pass once budget is decided – sent to Joint Appropriations Committee

SB 64 – General appropriation bill for 2021 – what needs to be adjusted

SB 68 – Provide for creation and funding of Oceti Sakowin community based school – charter school bill that takes funding from public schools, has regulation issues, and you should oppose. Passed Senate Education Committee 6-1 and is on Senate floor on Monday.

SB 83- Require the provision of information regarding perinatal hospice – Passed committee 7-0 with amendment, on Senate floor on Monday

SB 90 – Recognize the hair discrimination as an unfair or discriminatory practice – Hearing 2/5 in Senate State Affairs

SB 95 – Provide immunity for actions assisting an impaired lawyer or judge – passed committee 7-0 and is on Senate floor
SB 98 – Limit the application of the death penalty – Hearing is 2/2 in Sen Judiciary Committee  
SB 102 – Network Bill to provide protection for voter registration for domestic violence persons – hearing 2/4 in Sen Judiciary  
SB 103 – Provides for confidentiality of personal information of persons affiliated with non-profit corporations – not sure how this affects various groups with federal grants  
SB 124 – Provide for protections for the exercise of religious freedom  
SB 125 – Require face masks until September 2021  
SB 126 – Establish the crime of possession, manufacturing, or distribution of obscene dolls – support  

SB 148 – Establish the crime of torture of a human trafficking victim with penalty - support

HOUSE BILLS

HB 1025 – DOE bill on deleting/revising certain outdated language related to education – passed House 70-0 – hearing in Senate Educ Comm on Tuesday  
HB 1030,1031,1032, 1033 – Retirement bills  
HB 1044 – Transferring the Office of Indian Education to the Dept of Education – killed in committee/41st day 12-3  
HB 1046 – Limit liability for COVID 19 – includes non-profits, schools, businesses, insurance, etc – Support – bill passed committee 12-1 with 3 amendments – sunset date of 3 years, language addition to the health care section, and deletion of some language in Section 5. All are minor and fine with the coalition. Passed House 60-10 and is up for hearing in Senate Judiciary on Thursday - support  
HB 1051 – Maintain the life of any child born alive – FYI – hearing on 1/26  
HB 1052 – Provides a rebuttable presumption in favor of joint physical custody of a minor child – same bill as we have seen for the past 10 years – they proponents want to start at 50/50 for custody of a child. Current law leaves the custody issue in the hands of the judge.  
HB 1055 – Authorizes certain children who are subject to military relocation to be eligible for registration with a state approved distance learning provider – Assigned to Military and Veterans Affairs Committee – 2/1 Hearing  
HB 1056 – Authorizes the designation of Purple Star Schools – killed on House floor 27-43  
HB 1067 – Modifies identification requirements for a marriage license and provides for a name change – 2/1 hearing  
HB 1075 – Limit directives and incentives for extreme risk protection orders with a penalty – this is a bill to NOT limit guns to people convicted of Domestic Violence – is a pre-emptive bill in case President issues any orders on taking guns away – dangerous bill  
HB 1076 – Require that birth certificate reflect the biological sex - anti transgender bill and allowing them to change their birth certificate – killed in committee 6-7, smoked to the House floor and then passed 39-31. Now goes to Senate Health Committee  
HB 1077 – Gov’s bill on providing for licensure by endorsement for certain licensed professionals and occupations – House State Affairs Committee  
HB 1080 – Bill to increase the enhanced penalty for simple assault – a 4th and 5th offense will have an enhanced felony charge  
HB 1081 – Bill to increase the penalty for protection order violations – for a 4th and 5th offenses or subsequent offense, there will be an enhanced felony charge.  
HB 1082 – Revises state aid for certain EL students testing option – this is a waiver bill to use either 2019-20 or 2020-21 data – passed committee – on House floor  
HB 1083 – Allows Sec of Educ to waive accountability requirements in emergency situations – passed committee – on House floor  
HB 1097 – Provide for philosophical exceptions to required vaccinations - oppose
HB 1102 – Revise certain definitions for sex offender registry – deals with facility that may be used incidentally to the primary purpose
HB 1108 – Permit the playing of honor song or Lakota Flag Song at graduation
HB 1110, HB 1114, HB 1130 – all abortion related bills
HB 1132 – Adds dental hygienists to the mandatory reporters of child abuse
HB 1150 – Bill on providing definitions regarding crime of rape
HB 1157 – Establish restrictions governing instructional standards and curricular materials - oppose
HB 1158 – Prohibit the use of curricular materials that promote racial divisiveness and displace history
HB 1159 – Prohibit interference with the right to bodily integrity in contagious disease – anti vax bill –
HB 1161 – Provide for provisions regarding pregnancy help center consultations
HB 1178 – Rescind the statute of limitations for any civil cause of action arising out of childhood sexual abuse
HB 1187 – Require schools to provide instruction on SD Tribal history, culture, and govt

There will be a bill on eliminating testing for home school kids, etc – education lobbyists are still negotiating this with the administration. We keep you updated. There will NOT be a Civics bill – dept will develop a plan to provide materials, training, etc through the normal process.

Have a good weekend and stay safe!