



# 2021 Legislative Priorities & Positions

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### Children's Services Act

- Enhance the ability of local school divisions to serve children with disabilities in their neighborhood schools.
- Enhance flexibility in the use of state pool funds to serve children with special needs in local or regional programs.
- Allow public schools to establish and fund special education programs within public schools.

### Broadband Expansion

- Increase funding and provide additional tools to localities to expand telecommunications infrastructure.

### Education K-12 Funding

- Provide hold-harmless funding for Sales Tax distributions to local school divisions and Direct Aid payment amounts based on average daily membership until the main impacts of COVID-19 on both sources of funding cease.

### Recordation Tax Distribution to Localities

- Restore the distribution of state recordation tax revenues to localities for use of transportation or public education purposes.



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### Qualified and Sovereign Immunity

- We oppose any substantive change in local governments' present defenses of qualified and sovereign immunity.

### Workers' Compensation Presumptions

- We oppose efforts to expand workers' compensation presumptive illnesses eligibility for public employees that are not done in concert with additional state funding assistance to local governments to offset additional insurance liabilities.
- We oppose the creation of presumptions that would entitle certain categories of employees to workers' compensation benefits for any injury, death, or disability that they suffer as a result of exposure to COVID-19.

### Transportation

- We support changes to simplify the Smart Scale process.