

Policy Accomplishments Since 2019

State Finances:

- Deduction for federal income taxes paid on individual/corporate income taxes eliminated in exchange for state tax rate cuts.
- Significant reduction in corporate franchise tax passed.
- More uniform and centralized system of sales tax administration approved by lawmakers, though it fell short with voters.
- Changes to streamline the Industrial Tax Exemption Program made by the governor through executive order.

Education:

- Access expanded to high-quality early childhood care and education for disadvantaged children and families, particularly from birth to age 3.
- More funding sources leveraged to provide quality early childhood services for families.
- Local governance models created to assess early childhood needs in some communities.
- Child care centers that are performing well and not performing well identified.
- Policies that have improved student achievement, provided more education options and established an accountability system kept on track.
- Framework developed by education superintendent focusing on the transition from high school to postsecondary education that addresses access and equity.
- Efforts continue to restructure the Jump Start program to better align it with regional workforce needs and high-demand, high-wage occupations.
- Targeted reinvestment made in postsecondary education, tied to measurable goals, to meet workforce demands, including a focus on affordable pathways for people of all ages that involves need-based aid, merit awards and adult financial assistance.

Public Safety:

- Criminal justice reforms passed in 2017 maintained with minimal backsliding.
- New dollars invested in efforts to combat recidivism and smooth reentry process for offenders.

Infrastructure:

- Substantial investments made in the state's multibillion-dollar backlog of safety, maintenance and capacity-building projects, as well as identified megaprojects.
- Alternative and innovative delivery methods used for transportation projects, including public/private partnerships.