

STEM INITIATIVE

*: This platform held incredible promise until , when changes in the political and budgetary climate rendered the proposal less politically feasible. Whereas it nearly was signed into law during the session, by it had lost significant components of its support. Much of this was because of revenue shortfalls that meant there wasn't enough money to go around. Any legislation requiring state appropriations which the STEM Initiative bill indirectly does through reallocation of liability taxes became highly unpopular. As such, amendments have been made to the bill in an effort to make it more broadly supported. However, combatting the underlying criticisms relating to tax policy will continue to be a difficulty.*

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