



Under the Dome

While the House turns to the ritual of considering the state budget, the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday has a couple of interesting education policy bills on its agenda.

One, on alternative education campuses, is sponsored by Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, D-Arvada, who has been unusually active for a freshman legislator. (Details on bill at bottom of [this story](#).)

She's the prime or co-prime sponsor on three Senate bills (all related to education) and on five House bills.

She needs to build a track record quickly, as she was appointed to her District 19 seat in December and faces election next November. Zenzinger, a former Arvada council member who works in educator preparation at Regis University, was named to the seat after Sen. Evie Hudak, D-Westminster, resigned to avoid a recall being organized by gun-rights activists.

Two Republicans, Lang Sias, who previously lost to Hudak, and Laura Woods, who's backed by one of

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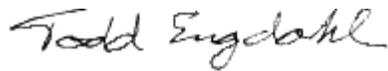


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the gun-rights factions, are facing off in the June 24 primary. (See this [Colorado Independent story](#) for background on that fight.) District 19 is evenly divided between registered Democrats, Republicans unaffiliated voters in battleground Jefferson County.

Democrats have a 18-17 majority Senate (two members were recalled by gun rights forces last year), and the GOP is aching to take Senate control in the November elections.

We're testing some new ways to present legislative data, so we've prepared a special bill tracker that lists the top education bills that remain to be decided during the remainder of the 2014 session. Check it out [here](#), and [let us know](#) what you think.



Upcoming

9 a.m. – Senate final consideration
- House Bill 14-1136 – Technical measure on regulation of continuing professional education programs

After floor adjournment – Senate Education Committee, room 356
- Senate Bill 14-165 – One-year change in educator evaluation system
- Senate Bill 14-167 – Pilot program for improvement



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of alternative education campuses

1:30 p.m. – Senate Judiciary Committee, room 356
- House Bill 14-1131 – Creation of separate misdemeanors for cyber bullying (third item)

- Carson Foundation
- Brett Family Foundation

The party caucuses in the House will meet to discuss House Bill 14-1336, the 2014-15 long bill.

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