



MACo 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SNAPSHOT

24 COUNTIES,
1 VOICE

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647
Bills Analyzed

367
Policy Blog
Articles Written

12,985
subscribers

248K
Twitter Impressions

675x
Face-to-Face
w/ Legislators

271
pieces of
testimony

TOP ISSUES

PUBLIC HEALTH

SCHOOL FUNDING

NEXTGEN 9-1-1

RESULTS

Defended county fiscal and land use autonomy

Created statewide means for NextGen 9-1-1 service

Secured control over 5G wireless roll-out

80% Success Rate
Bills that reached MACo's desired outcome

NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1

- Next Generation 9-1-1 reform bills got broad bi-partisan support, will help deliver needed service improvements statewide:
 - better locating of wireless callers
 - receive text or video content from callers
 - better handling of overflow calls at crisis

PROTECTED LOCAL BUDGETS AND REVENUES

- The state budget passed this year with no new county cutbacks, cost shifts, or unfair new burdens
- Higher level of local transportation funding retained unanimous support, unchallenged by legislators and analysts

EDUCATION FUNDING BLUEPRINT:

CARROTS RATHER THAN STICKS

- 3-year initial funding plan for school systems provides teacher salary incentive, not mandate on new county spending

DEFENDED LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

- 5G wireless technology (small cells) will remain a local matter, after statewide preemption legislation failed again
- Defeated broad and costly employer mandates on all local government employers, and comparable bill on community colleges
- Resolved intrusive bills on land use planning, forest protection, local licensing