



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2/15/2019

West Virginia School Service Personnel Association

Senate Bill 451-as of 2/15/2019

- 5% pay increase for teachers and service personnel
- \$2000 one time bonus for certified math teachers
- \$1000 bonus for missing no more than 4 days , no affect on accrued days or vacation days. (Teachers and Service)
- \$250 WV tax credit for school supplies (Teachers and Service)
- 1400 minimum enrollment for calculating state aid formula
- \$24 million for student support personnel (Professional staff, nurses, counselors and social workers)
- \$40 Million for a resource officer in every school.
- School Counselor's time with students at 80%
- \$5 million for innovation zones
- Student School attendance changes
- Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholarship
- Certification, Seniority and evaluations considered for RIF (Teachers Only, remains the same for Service Personnel)
- Employees will receive half their personnel leave at the beginning of the year and the rest at the start of the second half of the year.
- Increase county levy rates with voter approval
- Open Enrollment within county and across counties
- Removes salary equity
- Charter Schools
 - * Capped at 2 elementary schools
 - * Can only be authorized by county board of education.
 - * Requires a petition of a majority of parents
 - * Requires a petition of a majority of the school's employees
 - * Employees cannot be forced to work at a charter conversion school

The Following has been Removed

- County administrators hired after July 2020 will be at will employees-Removed
- Education Savings Account (ESA)-Removed
- Paycheck Protection-Removed
- No pay for school Employees during a work stoppage or strike-Removed

The Senate has the following options:

- ⇒ Concur with the House and accept the current amended version of SB 451
- ⇒ Amend the House version of SB 451 and send it back over for the House to concur
- ⇒ Not concur and send the Bill to conference committee

PEIA-The Governor has promised \$150 million toward the funding of PEIA. This will be addressed in the Budget Bill, which is taken up the last week of the Legislative session. There are also several bills that address PEIA cost.

HB 2392-Fixing PEIA premium cost sharing at no less than 80% for the employee and no more than 20% for the employer. No Movement

SB 630-Allows for the modification of the allocation of premiums for employers and employees in PEIA. This would allow for reduced premiums for employees during years with a surplus. No Movement

HB 2428-Creating a state administered wholesale drug importation program. This is a bipartisan bill that would lower the cost of prescription drugs in West Virginia. No Movement

Bad Legislation to watch

HB 2554-Open Enrollment across counties, would cause major strain on our bus drivers. This has passed the House but has not been put on the Agenda for Senate Education Committee. Similar to provisions in SB 451

HB 2011-Contract our state road jobs. No movement, this has not made it to committee yet.

HB 3063-Tax credit of \$500 per child for home school or private school.

Good Legislation to watch

HB 2128-Allowing state employees to take paid leave to attend parent-teacher conferences. Passed the House and communicated to the Senate.

HB 3128-Mandatory cook to meal ratio at 110 meals per cook. Introduced and sent to House Education.

HB 3130-Bus Operator II after 5 years and Bus Operator III after 10 years. Introduced and sent to House Education

HB 2688-Requiring all buses to have air conditioning. Passed House Education headed to Finance.

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