



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 3/1/2019

West Virginia School Service Personnel Association

Legislation to Watch

February 27, 2019 was crossover day at the WV Legislature, all Legislation had to be out of their House of Origin. Below is the Status of important legislation we have been tracking this session.

Bad Legislation

HB 2554-Open Enrollment across counties, would cause major strain on our bus drivers. This has passed the House and is headed to Senate Education Committee.

HB 2011-Contract out state road jobs. This bill has passed House and has been assigned to Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

HB 3063-Tax credit of \$500 per child for home school or private school. This has passed House Education and headed to House Finance. **Died in House Finance**

Originating House Education Bill-This would have allowed County Boards of Education to enter Executive Session when discussing a work stoppage or strike. **Thanks to quick work of the House Education Committee this bill was DOA-Dead on Arrival!**

Good Legislation

HB 3139 creates a PEIA Rainy Day Fund and **HB 2665** deposits \$105 Million in the fund. This will stabilize costs and premiums through plan year 2021. Both bills passed the House of Delegates and have been sent to the Senate.

HB2730-Increasing salaries of WV State Police, Public School Teachers and School Service Personnel. This has passed the House and will communicated to the Senate. Senate sent this bill to Education and Finance Committee. **Senator Rucker has yet to put the pay raise on the Senate Education agenda.**

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. Passed House Education. **Died in House Finance.**

HB 3130-Bus Operator II after 5 years and Bus Operator III after 10 years. Sent to House Education. **Died in House Finance.**

HB 2688-Requiring all buses to have air conditioning. Passed House Education. **Died in House Finance.**

HB 2719-Establishing a Bus Driver in Residency program to assist school districts with inadequate substitute bus operator pools. Passed House Education. **Died in House Finance.**

HB 2433-Changing the school year to begin no earlier than September 1 and end prior to May 31. This also includes a provision to reduce the 180 day mandatory school year to 170. This would not change 200 day contracts. This has passed House Education and has been read the first time on the House Floor. **Pulled from the Calendar on 2nd reading. The Bill died on Crossover day.**

Other Legislation affecting Service Personnel

HB 2009-Allows for 20 schools to become Innovation Zones. This would allow for STEM programs and mastery based education curriculum. Passed the House and Senate Education headed to Senate Finance.

HB 2662-Termination/revoking certification of any service personnel convicted of a crime that requires them to register as a sex offender. Passed the House and headed to Senate Education.

SB 238-Increasing the penalty for passing a stopped school bus. This essentially doubles the penalties. This has passed the Senate and is headed to House Judiciary Committee

SB 632-This legislation among other things would require county boards of education to install a camera in every special education classroom. This legislation has passed the Senate and is headed to House Education.

And if you forgot...Senate Bill 451-After a #55Strong walkout this bill is dead!

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