

# 2018 WV Legislative Session

## February 2, 2018

**PEIA Update:** WVSSPA President Linda Thompson and Executive Director Joe White met with the Governor's Office to share our concerns about PEIA and the effect it is having on our members. We made it very clear that our members cannot and should not be hurt. This battle is just beginning but progress is being made. The governor is recommending GO 365 have no penalty and families with more than one state employee will be able to use the average of their salaries. However, the use of total family income needs to be amended, our members cannot afford this increase. We need everyone to make their voices heard at the newly scheduled PEIA Hearings. Hearings will be held **February 12 in Charleston, February 13 in Morgantown and February 14 in Beckley.**

**HB 4341:** WVSSPA had our PEIA Fix bill introduced in the House of Delegates. HB 4341 calls for an increase in the natural gas severance tax, this would generate enough revenue to fund PEIA.

**SB 267:** This was passed in the Senate today and will be sent to the House of Delegates. Service Personnel will only receive \$220 more a year. This bill has been amended to give service personnel an additional 1% raise in the 2019-2020 school year, while giving teachers a 1% raise each year for 5 years. There was an amendment to increase the raise to 3% that was voted down in the Senate on Thursday, February 1. This legislation will move to the House of Delegates.

**HB4145:** Also calls for a 1% pay increase, this legislation has not moved out of committee. There was an attempt to force the Bill to the floor for a vote, however, that failed and it remains in the House Finance Committee.

### Legislation of Concern

**S335:** This legislation would not allow the dues of unions or associations to be deducted from public employees paychecks (payroll deduction). We feel this was introduced as retaliation for the public employee's outcry this legislative session. If this bill were to pass it would cripple the associations and unions that work very hard to protect their membership. This was passed in the Senate Judiciary Committee and will head to the Senate floor for a vote.

### Shows no movement

**HB 4216-**This bill would eliminate substitute seniority.

**HB 4224-**This bill calls for an 8 hour work day for service personnel who currently work a 7 1/2 hour day with no additional pay.

**HB 4225-**This bill allows the board of education to demote you to any condition of employment.

**HB 4226-**This bill completely eliminates competency testing for service jobs.

**HB 4231-** This bill simply takes away the mandatory requirement to pay a full day rate for anything over 3 1/2 hours on weekends.

**SB 304, SB 28 and HB 2572-**These bills allow for the creation of charter schools.

**SB6-Education Savings Account (ESA)** Allows for tax payer money to be taken from public schools.

**For more information join WVSSPA live on Facebook every Tuesday @ 5:30pm.**

#### Connect with WVSSPA on

##### Social Media

Like us on **Facebook** :

West Virginia School Service Personnel Association

Follow us on **Twitter** @WVSSPA

##### For more information:

Please contact the office. (304) 346-3544

#### Text Alerts

Throughout the session, WVSSPA will call on members to take action in order to uphold and protect §18-A privileges for service personnel.

Text "Join" to 304-224-2827

\* Standard text messaging and data rates may apply

#### Join the Email List

Visit [www.wvsspa.org](http://www.wvsspa.org) Enter your email address in the side bar and click "Join"

##### Update your Mailing Address

Call the state office (304) 346-3544, or email your updated address to :  
[info@wvsspa.org](mailto:info@wvsspa.org)