

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WEEK 1 (1/10/2020)

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

With the close of the first week of session we wanted to share a few bills that have been introduced. This is not an exhaustive list but things we think will see movement this session.

- ⇒ **HB 2130**– Seniority for public employees bidding on jobs, seeking to transfer or affected by reduction in force.
- ⇒ **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 is a carryover from last legislative session but is expected to gain steam this session.
- ⇒ **HB 3128**-Mandatory cook to meal ratio at 110 meals per cook. This is a carryover from last legislative session.
- ⇒ **HB 3130**-Bus Operator II after 5 years and Bus Operator III after 10 years. This is a carryover from last legislative session.
- ⇒ **SB 247**-Providing bonus for school service employees who use less than four days of personal leave.
- ⇒ **Repeal of the Manufacturer’s Inventory Tax**-This is a high priority for the Senate leadership. This will remove \$100 million of revenue with no plan for replacement revenue. Two thirds of this revenue is used to fund education in West Virginia. The remaining funds go to counties and municipalities for essential public services.

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