

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WEEK 2 (1/17/2020)

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

We are still very early in the Legislative Session. Below is a list of legislation we are watching. As the session progresses we will update the status of the bills, add bills and remove bills that show no movement.

Positive Legislation

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **HB 3128**-Mandatory cook to meal ratio at 110 meals per cook.
- ⇒ **HB 3130**-Bus Operator II after 5 years and Bus Operator III after 10 years.
- ⇒ **SB 247**-Providing bonus for school service employees who use less than four days of personal leave.
- ⇒ **SB 117**-Providing \$1,000 COLA to PERS and TRS retirees.
- ⇒ **SB 31**-Providing 11 month window for PERS members to purchase certain credited services.
- ⇒ **SB 241**-Requiring State BOE develop method for student transportation as a stand alone consideration.

Negative Legislation

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **HJR 102**-Providing the WV Legislature rulemaking oversight of the State BOE.
- ⇒ **HB 4043**-Preventing state, county, and municipal agencies from covering any portions of PEIA for spouses.
- ⇒ **SB 515**-Creating Education Savings Account Act

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