

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WEEK 3 (1/24/2020)

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Bills have started to move through committees and we are getting a clearer picture of what the rest of the session may hold. Below is a updated list of bills and progression though the legislature in red.

Positive Legislation

- ⇒ **HB 2130**– Seniority for public employees bidding on jobs, seeking to transfer or affected by reduction in force. **No movement.**
- ⇒ **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. **Passed House Education and will head to floor for a vote.**
- ⇒ **HB 3128**-Mandatory cook to meal ratio at 110 meals per cook. **No movement.**
- ⇒ **HB 3130**-Bus Operator II after 5 years and Bus Operator III after 10 years. **No movement.**
- ⇒ **SB 247**-Providing bonus for school service employees who use less than four days of personal leave. **No movement.**
- ⇒ **SB 117**-Providing \$1,000 COLA to PERS and TRS retirees. **No movement.**
- ⇒ **SB 31**-Providing 11 month window for PERS members to purchase certain credited services. **Passed the Senate Committee on Pensions and sent to Senate Committee on Finance.**
- ⇒ **SB 241**-Requiring State BOE develop method for student transportation as a stand alone consideration. **Passed Senate Committee on Education and will head to the floor for a vote.**

Negative Legislation

- ⇒ **HB 2425**-Defining the work day for service personnel. This bill would make service personnel work longer hours for no additional pay. For example, bus drivers would lose extra pay for midday runs. Aides could be rified and contracted to do bus duty with no over time pay. Bottom line service personnel lose pay. **This bill is currently being debated on in House Education. The vote may take place on next week.**
- ⇒ **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. **Moved from the special calendar to the regular calendar stalling the bill.**
- ⇒ **HB 4043**-Preventing state, county, and municipal agencies from covering any portions of PEIA for spouses. **No movement.**

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