

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WEEK 4 (1/31/2020)

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Bills have started to move through committees. We will see a lot more action in the coming weeks. Below is a updated list of bills and progression through the legislature in red.

Positive Legislation

- ⇒ **HB 2433**-Changing the school year to begin no earlier than September 1 and end prior to May 31. This would not change 200 day contracts. **Did not pass the House.**
- ⇒ **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 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 and communicated to the house.**
- ⇒ **HB 4457**-Requiring air conditioning on all school buses. **Introduced in the House and sent to the committee on education.**
- ⇒ **HB 4579**-Relating to student aide class titles. Creating two assistant teaching positions for special education and student support through e-learning classes. Pay grade would be the same as ECCAT. **Introduced in the House and sent to the committee on education.**
- ⇒ **HB 4596**-Declaring a shortage of qualified bus operators and allowing retired bus operators to accept employment. **Introduced in the House and sent to the committee on education.**

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 has not been placed back on the agenda, we may or may not see it again.**
- ⇒ **SB 616**-Relating to employment grievance procedure for public employees. Takes away many of the rights employees have in the grievance procedure including the amount of time to work on a grievance, your choice of representation and the employee would have to cover the cost of the grievance if it is lost. **Introduced in the Senate and sent to Government Organization Committee.**
- ⇒ **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.**
- ⇒ **SB 515**-Creating Education Savings Account Act. **No movement.**

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