

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WEEK 8 (2/28/2020)

## WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Listed below are the bills that survived crossover day. We have 8 days left in the 2020 Legislative session.

### Active Legislation

- ⇒ **SB 241**-Requiring the State BOE to develop a method for student transportation as a stand alone consideration. This bill revises the calculation for service personnel funding for counties who have a low population and large geographic area. **\*Has passed both the House and Senate and sent to the Governor.**
- ⇒ **HB 4535**-Relating to student aide class titles. Creating two assistant teaching positions for special education and student support through e-learning classes. Aide V is a Special Education Classroom Assistant Teacher and Aide VI is a Student Behavioral Support Specialist. Pay grade during training is an E and after training an F. Aides will not be required to take this training and will only receive the training if a job is posted by their county and they are selected for that position. **\*Passed the House and sent to Senate Education Committee.**
- ⇒ **SB 616**-Relating to employment grievance procedure for public employees. This bill has been heavily amended, many of the bad provisions have been removed. In its current form this bill changes the following items:
  - \* An employee may not serve as a representative in more than four grievances per calendar year.
  - \* An employee may not use a state vehicle to travel to and from grievance proceedings or grievance preparation activities.
  - \* The grievant and employee representative will only be granted 4 hours of preparation during work hours regardless of how many procedural levels are involved. This does not include the grievance proceedings.
  - \* This bill has passed the Senate and was assigned to the House Committees on Government Organization and Judiciary.**
- ⇒ **HB 3127**-Also known as the Tim Tebow bill. This bill would allow homeschooled students to participate in secondary school extracurricular activities. To be eligible students must be enrolled in one virtual class, have test scores within or above the fourth stanine in all subject areas and is limited to participation in the attendance zone in which they live. Counties will receive a portion of state aid funds for this student. **\*Passed the House and sent to the Senate.**
- ⇒ **SB 661**-This will change the required time needed for an instructional day to an average of 5 hours and the school year will be 180 days or 900 hours of instruction. This will provide counties with added flexibility when planning their calendars.
- ⇒ **HB 2897**-This legislation would give school principals the ability to turn on the school zones lights during any after school activity where student safety in the roadway is a concern. **\* Passed the House and sent to Senate Education.**
- ⇒ **HB 4497**-Requires an external defibrillator device at any secondary school athletic event. **\* Passed the House and sent to Senate Education.**

### Defeated

- ⇒ **SJR Number 9 and SB 837** Repealing the manufacturing machinery, equipment and inventory tax. The majority of school funding comes from this tax, it was our fear this would bankrupt education. This bill would have given corporations a huge tax break then at the same time raising the sales tax, Tobacco tax and vaping taxes to pay for it.

**We thank the following Senators for voting down this terrible legislation:**

**Senator Baldwin, Senator Beach, Senator Facemire, Senator Hamilton, Senator Hardesty, Senator Ihlenfeld, Senator Jefferies, Senator Lindsay, Senator Palumbo, Senator Pitsenbarger, Senator Plymale, Senator Prezioso, Senator Romano, Senator Stollings, Senator Unger and Senator Woelfel**

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