

West Virginia School Service Personnel Association

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We have made it through one third of the 2022 Legislative Session. Bills are making their way through committees and floor votes. On the following page you will find a rundown of bills that are in motion that could affect our members. Every week we will update where the bill is in the Legislative process. We will of course add any new legislation that makes its way to committee.

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Legislation in Motion:

- ⇒ **SB 227**-The purpose of this bill is to require county boards of education and county superintendents to comply with instructions of the State Board of Education with the threat of withholding funds. **This bill made it to 3rd reading but was sent back to Senate Education before the vote. (Senator Rucker)**
- ⇒ **HB 4380**-Similar to SB 267(see below) this bill increases the number of ten-passenger vehicles which may be used for any school-sponsored activity and clarifying that busses shall be used to transport nineteen or more passengers. If passed this legislation could take extra duty runs from bus operators by allowing professional school employees to drive two vehicles with up to 9 students in each vehicle. **This has passed House Education. (Delegate Barrett)**
- ⇒ **SB 267**-The purpose of this bill is to clarify the authority of the county board of education to transport students in county owned and insured vehicles, and to provide that a parent, guardian or another adult may transport more than 16 students in privately owned vehicles. If passed this legislation could take extra runs from bus operators. **This bill made it to 3rd reading in the Senate before being sent to Senate rules committee. (Senator Weld)**
- ⇒ **HB 4071**-The purpose of this bill is to prohibit schools, educational institutions, and elected or appointed local officials from making mandates concerning masks, COVID-19 testing and quarantining under certain circumstances for school students or school employees. **This is still pending in House Judiciary. (Delegate Maynor)**
- ⇒ **HJR 102**-Any policy or rule made by the State Board of Education would be subject to legislative review, approval, amendment or rejection. If passed this referendum would have to be voted on by the general population before becoming law. **(Delegate Espinosa) (Pending in House Judiciary)**
- ⇒ **SB 261**-The purpose of this bill is to clarify procedures for cameras in special education classrooms. This bill would require an administrator to review at least 15 minutes of video every 90 days, video footage must be kept for a calendar year, video footage does not have to be deleted, and video footage must be made available within 7 days when requested by DHHR or law enforcement. **This has passed the Senate and is pending in House Education. (Senator Nelson)**
- ⇒ **HB 4467**-The purpose of this bill is to provide additional classroom social/emotional and academic support for first and second grade pupils by requiring an early childhood classroom assistant teacher in first and second grade classrooms that have more than 12 pupils. The school aid formula allowance for service personnel is amended to increase the number of state funded positions per 1,000 students in net enrollment to provide state funding for the added positions. A new section of code is added which requires early childhood classroom assistant teachers to exercise authority and control over students such as required of a teacher, but only in instances enumerated by the principal and excluding suspensions, expulsions and performing instructional duties as a teacher. **This bill has passed house education and is pending in House Finance. (Speaker Hanshaw)**
- ⇒ **HB 4105**- A service employee who is certified as a Director or Supervisor of Pupil Transportation by the National Association for Pupil Transportation is eligible for any professional employee position involving supervision of a county transportation department. The county board shall consider any applicant for the position who is a service employee and certified as a Director or Supervisor of Pupil Transportation by the National Association for Pupil Transportation. In addition all new persons employed as a director, assistant director or coordinator of transportation shall have at least five years of experience working in the transportation department of a county board or meet or obtain qualifications as a school bus operator within one year of employment. **This bill has passed House Education. (Delegate Toney)**