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2024 Legislative Update 01/26/2024

The West Virginia Legislature has just completed the second full week of the 2024 session. Read below for an update on moving Legislation concerning Service Personnel. Remember there are hundreds of bills that get introduced each year. The legislative updates will focus on bills that have made to a committee agenda and bills that will likely run.

Bills Moving Through Committees

SB 172 Revising requirements of local school improvement councils

- Requires Report to be posted on school and county websites.
- Maintains two service personnel on the committee but removes the requirement that one must be a bus operator.
- Requires the State BOE to provide training on LSIC and create a document explaining the LSIC.
- Introduced by Grady (Senate Education Chair), passed the Senate and is pending in House Education.

SB 189 Providing for substantial deference to state school superintendent's interpretations of school laws

- Requires the Grievance Board and county BOE's to uphold and apply the Superintendent of Schools' interpretation of school law and State Board of Education rules.
- Introduced by Senator Weld, passed the Senate Judiciary Committee and on 2nd reading in the Senate.

HB 4012 Cook Meal Ratio

- Changing the guidelines for full-day and half-day cooks to the minimum ratio of one cook for every 110 meals and makes the ratio mandatory.
- Introduced by Delegate Tony, placed on the House Education Agenda but was removed at the start of the meeting.

HB 4263 Modifying the definitions and pay grades of certain school cafeteria personnel

- Raises the paygrade for Cafeteria Managers from D to an E.
- Introduced by Delegate Tony, passed House Education pending in House Finance.

HB 4202 Raising salaries for school service personnel

- Amended to provide a \$670 pay increase for Service Personnel (was \$900 a month).
- The Governor's proposed pay increase (HB 4883) would only provide an increase of \$140 a month.
- Introduced by Delegate Tony, passed House Education pending in House Finance.

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Introduced Bills Likely to Move

HB 5056 Relating to substitute service personnel positions

- Allows for service personnel to serve as substitute workers if:
 - *There is no qualified substitute available.
 - *The shift does not interfere with their regular duties and responsibilities.
 - *Properly certified and trained for the position.
- Introduced by Delegates, Statler and Ellington (Chair of House Education).

SB 521 Relating generally to payment of bus aides

- Bus Aides assigned to an extracurricular run would be assigned alternate duties at a school if the run is cancelled.
- Bus Aides would be paid their normal rate of pay.
- This would only affect runs where the Bus Operator is paid when the run is not made.
- Introduced by Senator Grady (Chair of Senate Education).



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