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2024 Legislative Update 02/02/2024

The third full week of the 2024 session is in the books. 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 it to a committee agenda and bills that will likely run.

Bills Moving Through Committees

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, passed House Education and should be reported to the House of Delegates floor soon.

HB 5252 Requiring certain minimum experience for the director or coordinator of services class title involving school transportation

- Provides that after July 1, 2024 all newly employed as a director, assistant director or coordinator of transportation must have 5 years experience working in a county BOE transportation department.
- Or they may obtain qualification's as a school bus operator within their first year of employment.
- Introduced by Delegates Cooper and Toney, passed House Education and should be reported to the House of Delegates floor soon.

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.
- This further weakens the Grievance procedure and tips the scale to administration.
- Introduced by Senator Weld, passed the Senate, pending in House Education.

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Bills Pending in Committees

SB 172 Revising requirements of local school improvement councils

- Requires Report to be posted on the 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.

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.

Stalled Legislation Unlikely to Move

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.

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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