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2026 Legislative Update Week 1 - 1/16/2026

The first week of the legislative session has come to a close. As expected, this week was more about establishing rules and appointing committee chairs and co-chairs. While several hundred bills are introduced the first week, very few make it to committee. Most committee meetings are filled with department presentations.

Many pieces of legislation will be introduced during this session. We don't know what legislation will move until bills are placed on committee agendas. The Governor introduced several bills this week, including the budget bill. The Budget did include a 3% increase for public employees, which includes service personnel. The budget bill will undergo many changes as it progresses through the legislative process. The Governor introduced a bill in both the House and the Senate to remove civil service protections and the grievance procedure from Department of Health employees. This is an attempt to slowly do away with the grievance procedure.

Next week's legislative update will provide more details on specific legislation moving through committees. Join us on Thursday for WVSSPA's Facebook Live. Executive Director Joe White will highlight the legislation that affects service personnel.



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