

## WSCA Legislative Update

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The Legislature is already two weeks in to the 2023 legislative session, and while the flood of bill introductions is beginning to slow, members of the House and Senate are still introducing more than two dozen bills every day. The first deadline for bills to be advanced from their committee of origin is still four weeks away, so expect the list of bills we're tracking to continue to grow.

This week the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee passed SB 5019 on a party-line vote. This legislation would remove "classified staff providing student and staff safety" (example: School Resource Officers) from the definition of physical, social, and emotional support staff, which were adopted in 2SHB 1664 by the 2022 Legislature. A summary of the hearing and testimony can be found [here](#).

Concerns about the inclusion of SROs in this proposed funding increase were raised by some groups during the rulemaking to implement HB 1664 last year. WSCA does not have a position on SROs, and therefore did not provide public comment on this proposal. The WEA, League of Education Voters, OSPI and the Association of Social Workers supported the bill. Public School Employees of Washington and some school districts and Directors testified with concerns. The bill moved to the Rules Committee.

Next week, Education committees in both chambers will hear the "universal school meals" proposal put forth by Representatives Marcus Riccelli (D-Spokane) and Senator T'wina Nobles (D-Lakewood), at the request of State Superintendent Chris Reykdal. This legislation proposes to include the provision of school meals in the definition of basic education, to allow all students to receive breakfast and lunch at school.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/23 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5243](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning high school and beyond planning. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)
- [SB 5339](#) - Public Hearing - Providing free school meals for all.

#### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 1071](#) - Public Hearing - Securing schools by authorizing funding for a school resource officer in every school.

- [HB 1146](#) - Public Hearing - Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.
- [HB 1239](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a simple and uniform system for complaints related to, and instituting a code of educator ethics for, conduct within or involving public elementary and secondary schools.

**Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/24 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 1238](#) - Public Hearing - Providing free school meals for all.

**Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/26 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 1113](#) - Exec Session - Reviewing reprimands for professional educators.
- [HB 1207](#) - Exec Session - Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.
- [HB 1230](#) - Public Hearing - Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health available.

**Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 1/26 @ 10:30am**

- [SB 5219](#) - Public Hearing - Enacting the interstate counseling compact for licensed mental health counselors.

**Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/26 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5248](#) - Public Hearing - Using COVID-19 relief funding on high quality tutoring and rigorous extended learning programs.

**Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/27 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 1069](#) - Exec Session - Adopting the mental health counselor compact.

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<b><u>Bill Details</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
<a href="#">HB 1069</a> <b>Mental health counselor comp</b> Adopting the mental health counselor compact.	H Postsec Ed & W	Leavitt
<a href="#">HB 1071</a> <b>School resource officers</b>	H Education	Walsh

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<a href="#"><u>HB 1113</u></a>	<b>Prof. educator reprimands</b> Reviewing reprimands for professional educators.	H Education	Harris
<a href="#"><u>HB 1146</u></a>	<b>Dual credit program notice</b> Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.	H Education	Paul
<a href="#"><u>HB 1207</u></a>	<b>Harassment/schools</b> Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.	H Education	Senn
<a href="#"><u>HB 1230</u></a>	<b>School websites/drug info.</b> Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health available.	H Education	Callan
<a href="#"><u>HB 1238</u></a> (SB 5339)	<b>Free school meals</b> Providing free school meals for all.	H Education	Riccelli
<a href="#"><u>HB 1239</u></a>	<b>Educator ethics &amp; complaints</b> Establishing a simple and uniform system for complaints related to, and instituting a code of educator ethics for, conduct within or involving public elementary and secondary schools.	H Education	Santos
<a href="#"><u>HB 1273</u></a> (SB 5243)	<b>High school and beyond plans</b> Concerning high school and beyond planning.	H Education	Berg
<a href="#"><u>HB 1308</u></a>	<b>Graduation pathway options</b> Concerning high school graduation pathway options.	H Education	Stonier
<a href="#"><u>HB 1328</u></a>	<b>Schools &amp; families/funding</b> Increasing funding to schools and families for students not meeting academic standards.	H Approps	Stokesbary
<a href="#"><u>HB 1354</u></a>	<b>School volunteers/conviction</b> Concerning parental involvement through volunteering in schools after a criminal conviction.	H Education	Stonier
<a href="#"><u>HB 1376</u></a>	<b>School practice standards</b> Aligning policies to reflect the updated standards of practice for school district staff.	H Education	Santos
<a href="#"><u>HB 1377</u></a>	<b>Continuing education/K-12</b> Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.	H Education	Santos

<a href="#"><u>HB 1411</u></a>	<b>Cross-sector prof. dev.</b> Supporting student success through cross-sector professional development.	H Education	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#"><u>HB 1478</u></a>	<b>Student rights</b> Establishing a statement of student rights.	H Education	Timmons
<a href="#"><u>HB 1479</u></a>	<b>Student restraint, isolation</b> Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	H Education	Callan
<a href="#"><u>HB 1504</u></a>	Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.		Low
<a href="#"><u>SB 5019</u></a>	<b>School safety staff</b> Concerning classified staff providing student and staff safety.	S EDUDP	Wellman
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5048</u></a>	<b>College in high school fees</b> Eliminating college in the high school fees.	S RecComm	Mullet
<a href="#"><u>SB 5054</u></a>	<b>Prof. learning communities</b> Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.	S EL/K-12	Wellman
<a href="#"><u>SB 5219</u></a>	<b>Counseling compact</b> Enacting the interstate counseling compact for licensed mental health counselors.	S Health & Long	Muzzall
<a href="#"><u>SB 5243</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1273)</u></a>	<b>High school and beyond plans</b> Concerning high school and beyond planning.	S EL/K-12	Wellman
<a href="#"><u>SB 5248</u></a>	<b>Tutoring &amp; extended learning</b> Using COVID-19 relief funding on high quality tutoring and rigorous extended learning programs.	S EL/K-12	Braun
<a href="#"><u>SB 5257</u></a>	<b>Elementary school recess</b> Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	S EL/K-12	Nobles
<a href="#"><u>SB 5339</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1238)</u></a>	<b>Free school meals</b> Providing free school meals for all.	S EL/K-12	Nobles
<a href="#"><u>SB 5408</u></a>	<b>Ninth grade success grants</b> Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.	S EL/K-12	Lias

<a href="#"><u>SB 5422</u></a>	<b>Behavioral health/schools</b> Providing access to behavioral health services to children using licensed clinicians colocated within the school.	S Health & Long	Wilson
<a href="#"><u>SB 5441</u></a>	<b>School district curricula</b> Promoting the adoption of school district curricula that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.	S EL/K-12	Wilson
<a href="#"><u>SB 5462</u></a>	<b>Inclusive learning standards</b> Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	S EL/K-12	Liias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5511</u></a>	Enhancing and improving the equity of K-12 education funding.		Braun
<a href="#"><u>SB 5527</u></a>	Adding additional courses to the list of courses approved as a graduation pathway option.		Mullet