

## WSCA Legislative Update

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As the Legislature prepares to head into week 5 of the 2023 legislative session, committee agendas have fewer work sessions and more executive sessions, meaning the Chairs are deciding which bills to vote out of committee and on to the next stage of the legislative process. Typically, as the get closer to the committee deadline (February 17), legislators would be introducing fewer bills. Although numbers are beginning to dwindle, there are still a lot of new ideas being introduced every day. After the February 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for policy committees, and the subsequent fiscal committee cutoff a week later, the universe of bills is likely to get significantly smaller.

WSCA sent a letter to members of the House Education Committee expressing concerns about HB 1479, prohibiting the use of restraints and isolation for students in schools. Although WSCA supports the intent of the legislation, there are concerns with specific language in the bill that could affect school safety. WSCA has reached out to the bill's sponsor, Rep. Lisa Callan, and expressed an interest in working to improve the bill.

The Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee passed SB 5339, legislation to provide universal free meals to students. The bill, which carries an \$87 million price tag, was referred to Senate Ways & Means. The vote out of committee split among party lines, with Democrats voting yes and Republicans voting no, or "without recommendation." The House version, HB 1238, was scheduled for a vote in House Education last week but did not come up.

Please review the bills scheduled for public hearings or executive action next week and let WSCA know if there are concerns or questions, or if you'd like to testify on a bill.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/6 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5248](#) - Exec Session - Using COVID-19 relief funding on high quality tutoring and rigorous extended learning programs.
- [SB 5527](#) - Public Hearing - Adding additional courses to the list of courses approved as a graduation pathway option.
- [SB 5593](#) - Public Hearing - Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

#### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/6 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 1308](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning high school graduation pathway options.
- [HB 1536](#) - Public Hearing - Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.
- [HB 1565](#) - Public Hearing - Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.

- [HB 1658](#) - Public Hearing - Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.

### **Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 2/7 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 1580](#) - Exec Session - Creating a system to support children in crisis.

### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/7 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 1003](#) - Exec Session - Expanding access to dual credit programs.
- [HB 1238](#) - Exec Session - Providing free school meals for all.
- [HB 1239](#) - Exec Session - 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.
- [HB 1316](#) - Exec Session - Expanding access to dual credit programs.
- [HB 1377](#) - Public Hearing - Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.
- [HB 1504](#) - Public Hearing - Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.
- [HB 1622](#) - Public Hearing - Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/8 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5408](#) - Exec Session - Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.
- [SB 5441](#) - Exec Session - Promoting the adoption of school district curricula that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.
- [SB 5462](#) - Exec Session - Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.

### **State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/8 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 1692](#) - Public Hearing - Creating student advisory groups. (If measure is referred to committee.)

### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/9 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 1273](#) - Exec Session - Concerning high school and beyond planning.
- [HB 1411](#) - Exec Session - Supporting student success through cross-sector professional development.
- [HB 1478](#) - Exec Session - Establishing a statement of student rights.

## Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/9 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5527](#) - Exec Session - Adding additional courses to the list of courses approved as a graduation pathway option.
- [SB 5593](#) - Exec Session - Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

## Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/9 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 1109](#) - Public Hearing - Providing funding for school districts for special education.
- [HB 1693](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.

## Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 2/9 @ 4:00pm

- [SSB 5243](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning high school and beyond planning.

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<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">HB 1003</a> <b>Dual credit program access</b> Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Education	Stokesbary
<a href="#">SHB 1069</a> <b>Mental health counselor comp</b> Adopting the mental health counselor compact.	H 2nd Reading	Leavitt
<a href="#">HB 1071</a> <b>School resource officers</b> Securing schools by authorizing funding for a school resource officer in every school.	H Education	Walsh
<a href="#">HB 1109</a> <b>Special education funding</b> Providing funding for school districts for special education.	H Approps	Senn
<a href="#">SHB 1113</a> <b>Prof. educator reprimands</b> Reviewing reprimands for professional educators.	H 2nd Reading	Harris
<a href="#">HB 1146</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 Rules R	Paul
<a href="#">SHB 1207</a> <b>Harassment/schools</b>	H Rules R	Senn

Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.

<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 Rules R	Callan
<a href="#"><u>HB 1238</u></a> (SSB 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> (SSB 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 1316</u></a>	<b>Dual credit program access</b> Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Education	Paul
<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> (SB 5559)	<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> (SSB 5257)	<b>Elementary school recess</b> Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	H Education	Low
<a href="#"><u>HB 1536</u></a>	<b>H.S. diplomas/withholding</b> Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.	H Education	Timmons
<a href="#"><u>HB 1565</u></a>	<b>Prof. education workforce</b> Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.	H Education	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#"><u>HB 1580</u></a>	<b>Children in crisis</b> Creating a system to support children in crisis.	H Human Svc, You	Callan
<a href="#"><u>HB 1605</u></a> (SB 5668)	<b>Small districts/skill center</b> Concerning small districts with less than 2,750 students and significant participation in skill centers.	H Education	Rule
<a href="#"><u>HB 1622</u></a>	<b>Students/homelessness</b> Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.	H Education	Fey
<a href="#"><u>HB 1658</u></a>	<b>Work experience/H.S. credit</b> Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.	H Education	Shavers
<a href="#"><u>HB 1679</u></a>	<b>Student homelessness group</b> Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.	H Human Svc, You	Rule
<a href="#"><u>HB 1692</u></a>	<b>Student advisory groups</b> Creating student advisory groups.	H Education	Bergquist
<a href="#"><u>HB 1693</u></a>	<b>Student homelessness pilot</b> Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	H Approps	Lekanoff
<a href="#"><u>HB 1741</u></a>	<b>Prototypical school formulas</b> Increasing prototypical school formulas to support student health, well-being, and educational outcomes.	H Approps	Rule

<a href="#"><u>SB 5019</u></a>	<b>School safety staff</b> Concerning classified staff providing student and staff safety.	S 2nd Reading	Wellman
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5048</u></a>	<b>College in high school fees</b> Eliminating college in the high school fees.	S Ways & Means	Mullet
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5054</u></a>	<b>Prof. learning communities</b> Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.	S Rules 2	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>SSB 5243</u></a> (HB 1273)	<b>High school and beyond plans</b> Concerning high school and beyond planning.	S Ways & Means	Wellman
<a href="#"><u>SB 5248</u></a> (HB 1710)	<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>SSB 5257</u></a> (HB 1504)	<b>Elementary school recess</b> Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	S Rules 2	Nobles
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5339</u></a> (HB 1238)	<b>Free school meals</b> Providing free school meals for all.	S Ways & Means	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	Lias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5505</u></a>	<b>School year expansion</b>	S EL/K-12	Hawkins

Addressing learning loss by expanding the school year.

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<a href="#"><u>SB 5511</u></a>	<b>K-12 education funding</b> Enhancing and improving the equity of K-12 education funding.	S EL/K-12	Braun
<a href="#"><u>SB 5513</u></a>	<b>CTC mental health counseling</b> Concerning mental health counseling at community and technical colleges.	S Ways & Means	Lias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5527</u></a>	<b>Graduation pathway options</b> Adding additional courses to the list of courses approved as a graduation pathway option.	S EL/K-12	Mullet
<a href="#"><u>SB 5593</u></a>	<b>Student data transfer</b> Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.	S EL/K-12	Lias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5650</u></a>	<b>K-12 inflationary increases</b> Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
<a href="#"><u>SB 5656</u></a>	<b>School security grants</b> Establishing the school security and preparedness infrastructure grant program.	S EL/K-12	Torres
<a href="#"><u>SB 5702</u></a> (HB 1693)	<b>Student homelessness pilot</b> Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.		Trudeau

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