

## **WSCA Legislative Update**

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The 2023 Washington legislative session is more than halfway over, and as each deadline passes, the scope of bills on the Legislature's agenda becomes narrower. The House of Representatives met all day Saturday and into Sunday morning, adjourning after 1:30 a.m. Lawmakers tackled a series of tough issues over the past week, including health data privacy, special education funding, and some big criminal justice bills.

The House and Senate will be on the floor the next three days, and the next cutoff for bills to pass out of their respective chambers is 5 p.m. Wednesday. All bills must be passed from their chamber of origin to remain viable for the session.

- The House and Senate have each passed legislation to improve funding for special education. During the floor debate in the House, Republicans tried to pass an amendment to make E2SHB 1436 look more like the Senate's version – SSB 5311 – although the amendment failed 44-52 after a long debate. The Senate bill proposes to increase the enrollment cap to 15%, increase the multipliers, and includes a requirement that each ESD region have at least one special education ombuds. The Senate bill passed unanimously.
- WSCA signed a letter with the WEA, AFT and AWSP last week, urging the Senate to reconsider its support for legislation to allow sophomore students to participate in running start (2SSB 5670). The bill is on the Senate floor calendar.
- E2SHB 1238, legislation to provide free meals to all students, has been significantly scaled back from its original proposal. The bill as it passed the House will now only apply to students in grades K-4 in schools with greater than 40% of free & reduced lunch population next school year, and 30% in 2024-25.
- Legislation on “isolation & restraint” practices has not passed the House yet (2SHB 1479) but a proposed amendment from the sponsor would narrow the bill to clarify that a “room clear” isn't considered isolation, and make some additional changes.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/7 @ 8:00am**

- [ESSB 5257](#) - Exec Session - Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.

#### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/9 @ 8:00am**

- [SB 5019](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning classified staff providing student and staff safety.

#### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/9 @ 1:30pm**

- [SHB 1113](#) - Public Hearing - Reviewing reprimands for professional educators.
- [ESHB 1377](#) - Public Hearing - Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.

#### **Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 3/10 @ 8:00am**

- [SHB 1069](#) - Public Hearing - Adopting the mental health counselor compact.

<b><u>Bill Details</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
<a href="#">SHB 1003</a> <b>Dual credit program access</b> Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Approps	Stokesbary
<a href="#">SHB 1069</a> <b>Mental health counselor comp</b> Adopting the mental health counselor compact.	S Health & Long	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="#">SHB 1109</a> <b>Special education funding</b> Providing funding for school districts for special education.	S EL/K-12	Senn
<a href="#">SHB 1113</a> <b>Prof. educator reprimands</b> Reviewing reprimands for professional educators.	S EL/K-12	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.	S EL/K-12	Paul
<a href="#">SHB 1207</a> <b>Harassment/schools</b> Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.	S EL/K-12	Senn
<a href="#">HB 1211 (E2SSB 5311)</a> <b>Special education funding</b> Concerning special education funding formula.	H Approps	Bergquist
<a href="#">HB 1230</a> <b>School websites/drug info.</b> Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health available.	S EL/K-12	Callan
<a href="#">E2SHB 1238 (SSB 5339)</a> <b>Free school meals</b> Providing free school meals for all.	H Passed 3rd	Riccelli
<b>Educator ethics &amp; complaints</b>	H Rules R	Santos

<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1239</u></a>	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.		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1273 (E2SSB 5243)</u></a>	<b>High school and beyond plans</b> Concerning high school and beyond planning.	H Approps	Berg
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1305</u></a>	<b>Students with disabilities</b> Improving access to and provision of a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities.	H 2nd Reading	Pollet
<a href="#"><u>HB 1308</u></a>	<b>Graduation pathway options</b> Concerning high school graduation pathway options.	H Passed 3rd	Stonier
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1316</u></a>	<b>Dual credit program access</b> Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Passed 3rd	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>ESHB 1377</u></a>	<b>Continuing education/K-12</b> Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.	S EL/K-12	Santos
<a href="#"><u>HB 1411</u></a>	<b>Cross-sector prof. dev.</b> Supporting student success through cross-sector professional development.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1436</u></a>	<b>Special education funding</b> Funding special education.	H Passed 3rd	Pollet
<a href="#"><u>EHB 1478</u></a>	<b>Student rights</b> Establishing a statement of student rights.	H Passed 3rd	Timmons
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1479 (SB 5559)</u></a>	<b>Student restraint, isolation</b> Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	H 2nd Reading	Callan

<a href="#"><u>SHB 1504</u></a> (ESSB 5257)	<b>Elementary school recess</b> Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	S EL/K-12	Low
<a href="#"><u>HB 1536</u></a>	<b>H.S. diplomas/withholding</b> Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.	S EL/K-12	Timmons
<a href="#"><u>E2SHB 1565</u></a>	<b>Prof. education workforce</b> Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.	H Passed 3rd	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1580</u></a>	<b>Children in crisis</b> Creating a system to support children in crisis.	H Passed 3rd	Callan
<a href="#"><u>HB 1605</u></a> (SSB 5668)	<b>Small districts/skill center</b> Concerning small districts with less than 2,750 students and significant participation in skill centers.	H Approps	Rule
<a href="#"><u>HB 1622</u></a>	<b>Students/homelessness</b> Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.	H Passed 3rd	Fey
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1658</u></a>	<b>Work experience/H.S. credit</b> Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.	H Passed 3rd	Shavers
<a href="#"><u>HB 1679</u></a> (SB 5719)	<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.	S Human Services	Rule
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1692</u></a>	<b>Student advisory groups</b> Creating student advisory groups.	H Rules R	Bergquist
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1693</u></a> (ESSB 5702)	<b>Student homelessness pilot</b> Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	H Rules R	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.	H Education	Wellman

<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5048</u></a>	<b>College in high school fees</b> Eliminating college in the high school fees.	S Rules 2	Mullet
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5054</u></a>	<b>Prof. learning communities</b> Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.	H Education	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>E2SSB 5243</u></a> (SHB 1273)	<b>High school and beyond plans</b> Concerning high school and beyond planning.	S Passed 3rd	Wellman
<a href="#"><u>SSB 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 Ways & Means	Braun
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5257</u></a> (SHB 1504)	<b>Elementary school recess</b> Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	H Education	Nobles
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5311</u></a> (HB 1211)	<b>Special education funding</b> Concerning special education funding formula.	S Passed 3rd	Wellman
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5315</u></a>	<b>Special education/nonpublic</b> Concerning nonpublic agencies operating special education programs for students with disabilities.	S 2nd Reading	Wilson
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5339</u></a> (E2SHB 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 Ways & Means	Liias
<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>SSB 5441</u></a>	<b>School district curricula</b> Promoting the adoption of school district curricula that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.	S Ways & Means	Wilson

<a href="#"><u>ESB 5462</u></a>	<b>Inclusive learning standards</b> Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H Education	Lias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5505</u></a>	<b>School year expansion</b> Addressing learning loss by expanding the school year.	S EL/K-12	Hawkins
<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 Rules 2	Mullet
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 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 Passed 3rd	Lias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5650</u></a>	<b>K-12 inflationary increases</b> Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees.	S 2nd Reading	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>2SSB 5670</u></a>	<b>Running start/10th grade</b> Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings.	S 2nd Reading	Hawkins
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5702</u></a> (SHB 1693)	<b>Student homelessness pilot</b> Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	S Passed 3rd	Trudeau
<a href="#"><u>SB 5719</u></a> (HB 1679)	<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.	S Ways & Means	Hunt