

## **WSCA Legislative Update**

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The Washington Legislature reached the crossover stage this week, and all bills that weren't voted out of their chamber of origin are dead for this year and will not continue to advance.

Lawmakers have returned to policy committee meetings, and committees will hear bills passed by the opposite chamber for the next few weeks. The deadline for bills to advance again is March 29<sup>th</sup>.

The next revenue forecast is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>, and lawmakers are expected to release their proposed operating budgets later that week. This year the Senate will release its proposal first.

- [HB 1308](#), the graduation pathways bill, passed the House with a 63-34 vote last week, and is scheduled for a public hearing Monday in the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee. The bill enables students to meet graduation pathway requirements by completing a performance-based learning experience.
- The House Education Committee has already scheduled a hearing on [SSB 5311](#), funding special education. The 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 passed the bill unanimously.
- [2SSB 5670](#), legislation to allow sophomore students to participate in running start, died in the Senate.
- [2SHB 1479](#), legislation on isolation and restraint practices in schools, passed the House after 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, 63-31. It has been referred to the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/13 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 1308](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning high school graduation pathway options.
- [2SHB 1316](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding access to dual credit programs.
- [E2SHB 1565](#) - Public Hearing - Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.

#### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/13 @ 1:30pm**

- [ESB 5462](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.
- [2SSB 5593](#) - Public Hearing - Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

#### **Human Services (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/14 @ 10:30am**

- [2SHB 1580](#) - Public Hearing - Creating a system to support children in crisis.

- [HB 1679](#) - Exec Session - Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.

**Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/14 @ 4:00pm**

- [SSB 5054](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.
- [E2SSB 5243](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning high school and beyond planning.
- [E2SSB 5311](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning special education funding formula.

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/15 @ 4:00pm**

- [ESSB 5702](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.

**Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/16 @ 8:00am**

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

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<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>	S EL/K-12	Senn

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

<a href="#"><u>HB 1211</u></a> (E2SSB 5311)	<b>Special education funding</b> Concerning special education funding formula.	H Approps	Bergquist
<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.	S EL/K-12	Callan
<a href="#"><u>E2SHB 1238</u></a> (SSB 5339)	<b>Free school meals</b> Providing free school meals for all.	S EL/K-12	Riccelli
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 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 Rules R	Santos
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1273</u></a> (E2SSB 5243)	<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.	S EL/K-12	Stonier
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1316</u></a>	<b>Dual credit program access</b> Expanding access to dual credit programs.	S EL/K-12	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
	<b>Continuing education/K-12</b>	S EL/K-12	Santos

[ESHB  
1377](#)

Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.

[HB 1411](#)

**Cross-sector prof. dev.**

H Approps

Ortiz-Self

Supporting student success through cross-sector professional development.

[ESHB  
1436](#)

**Special education funding**

S EL/K-12

Pollet

Funding special education.

[EHB 1478](#)

**Student rights**

S EL/K-12

Timmons

Establishing a statement of student rights.

[E2SHB  
1479 \(SB  
5559\)](#)

**Student restraint, isolation**

S EL/K-12

Callan

Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.

[SHB 1504  
\(ESSB  
5257\)](#)

**Elementary school recess**

S EL/K-12

Low

Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.

[HB 1536](#)

**H.S. diplomas/withholding**

S EL/K-12

Timmons

Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.

[E2SHB  
1565](#)

**Prof. education workforce**

S EL/K-12

Ortiz-Self

Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.

[2SHB  
1580](#)

**Children in crisis**

S Human Services

Callan

Creating a system to support children in crisis.

[HB 1605  
\(SSB  
5668\)](#)

**Small districts/skill center**

H Approps

Rule

Concerning small districts with less than 2,750 students and significant participation in skill centers.

[HB 1622](#)

**Students/homelessness**

S EL/K-12

Fey

Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.

[SHB 1658](#)

**Work experience/H.S. credit**

S EL/K-12

Shavers

Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.

**Student homelessness group**

S Human Services

Rule

<a href="#"><u>HB 1679</u></a> (SB 5719)	Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.		
<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.	H Postsec Ed & Wk	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.	H Education	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 Exec Action	Nobles
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5311</u></a> (HB 1211)	<b>Special education funding</b> Concerning special education funding formula.	H Education	Wellman

<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5315</u></a>	<b>Special education/nonpublic</b> Concerning nonpublic agencies operating special education programs for students with disabilities.	H Education	Wilson
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5339 (E2SHB 1238)</u></a>	<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	Liias
<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	Liias
<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.	H Education	Liias
<a href="#"><u>ESB 5650</u></a>	<b>K-12 inflationary increases</b> Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees.	H Approps	Rolfes

<a href="#"><u>SB 5656</u></a>	<b>School security grants</b>	S EL/K-12	Torres
	Establishing the school security and preparedness infrastructure grant program.		
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5670</u></a>	<b>Running start/10th grade</b>	S 2nd Reading	Hawkins
	Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings.		
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5702 (SHB 1693)</u></a>	<b>Student homelessness pilot</b>	H Approps	Trudeau
	Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 5719 (HB 1679)</u></a>	<b>Student homelessness group</b>	S Ways & Means	Hunt
	Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.		