

# WSCA Legislative Update

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House and Senate fiscal committees worked long hours last week considering legislation with a tax or budget impact, in advance of the fiscal cut-off deadline on Friday (2/24). The House Appropriations Committee concluded their work just before 5 p.m. Friday and the Senate Ways & Means Committee met until 7 p.m. as they continued negotiating on bills right up until they adjourned. There were 56 bills on the final Ways & Means Committee agenda, but the Chair declined to take action on 18 of them, rendering those bills effectively “dead” for this year.

Action shifts to the floor next week as the House and Senate work to pass as many bills as they can by the next deadline, which is 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 8. House bills must be passed to the Senate and vice-versa in order to remain viable for this session.

- HB 1308, the graduation pathways bill, is awaiting a vote on the House floor after advancing from the Rules committee last Wednesday.
- Legislation to require the use of a single online platform for high school & beyond plans, 2SSB 5243, is in the Senate Rules Committee.
- Bills expanding access to dual credit programs in schools are continuing to advance.
- Special Education funding bills advanced in the House and Senate; SSB 5311 and SHB 1436 were both voted out of their fiscal committees last week.
- Legislation to provide universal free school meals passed out of the Appropriations committee Friday with bipartisan support. The bill no longer includes free school meals as part of the definition of basic education, and only applies to elementary schools with a free-and-reduced lunch population of 30% or greater.
- Legislation to eliminate the use of isolation & restraint in schools passed out of the Appropriations committee Friday on a mostly party-line vote. There were nearly 20 amendments initially proposed for SHB 1479, but after a robust committee debate, many were withdrawn and supporters pledged to initiate meaningful stakeholder discussions on the bill.

## Upcoming Events

### Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/1 @ 8:00am

- [SSB 5257](#) - Public Hearing - Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.

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<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.	Dead	Stokesbary
<b>Mental health counselor comp</b>	S Health & Long	Leavitt

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<a href="#"><u>SHB 1069</u></a>	Adopting the mental health counselor compact.		
<a href="#"><u>HB 1071</u></a>	<b>School resource officers</b> Securing schools by authorizing funding for a school resource officer in every school.	Dead	Walsh
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1109</u></a>	<b>Special education funding</b> Providing funding for school districts for special education.	H Rules R	Senn
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1113</u></a>	<b>Prof. educator reprimands</b> Reviewing reprimands for professional educators.	S EL/K-12	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.	S EL/K-12	Paul
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1207</u></a>	<b>Harassment/schools</b> Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.	H 2nd Reading	Senn
<a href="#"><u>HB 1211 (2SSB 5311)</u></a>	<b>Special education funding</b> Concerning special education funding formula.	Dead	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.	H 2nd Reading	Callan
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1238 (SSB 5339)</u></a>	<b>Free school meals</b> Providing free school meals for all.	H Rules R	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>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 Rules R	Pollet
<a href="#"><u>HB 1308</u></a>	<b>Graduation pathway options</b> Concerning high school graduation pathway options.	H 2nd Reading	Stonier

<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1316</u></a>	<b>Dual credit program access</b> Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Rules R	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.	Dead	Stokesbary
<a href="#"><u>HB 1354</u></a>	<b>School volunteers/conviction</b> Concerning parental involvement through volunteering in schools after a criminal conviction.	Dead	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.	Dead	Santos
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1377</u></a>	<b>Continuing education/K-12</b> Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.	H 2nd Reading	Santos
<a href="#"><u>HB 1411</u></a>	<b>Cross-sector prof. dev.</b> Supporting student success through cross-sector professional development.	Dead	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1436</u></a>	<b>Special education funding</b> Funding special education.	H Rules R	Pollet
<a href="#"><u>HB 1478</u></a>	<b>Student rights</b> Establishing a statement of student rights.	H Rules R	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 Rules R	Callan
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1504 (ESSB 5257)</u></a>	<b>Elementary school recess</b> Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	H 2nd Reading	Low
<a href="#"><u>HB 1536</u></a>	<b>H.S. diplomas/withholding</b> Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.	H 2nd Reading	Timmons
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1565</u></a>	<b>Prof. education workforce</b> Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.	H Rules R	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1580</u></a>	<b>Children in crisis</b> Creating a system to support children in crisis.	H Rules R	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.	Dead	Rule
<a href="#"><u>HB 1622</u></a>	<b>Students/homelessness</b> Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.	H Rules R	Fey
<a href="#"><u>SHB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>1658</u></a>	<b>Work experience/H.S. credit</b> Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.	H 2nd Reading	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.	H Rules R	Rule
<a href="#"><u>SHB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>1692</u></a>	<b>Student advisory groups</b> Creating student advisory groups.	H Rules R	Bergquist
<a href="#"><u>SHB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>1693</u></a> (SSB 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</u></a> <a href="#"><u>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.	S 2nd Reading	Wellman
<a href="#"><u>SB 5219</u></a>	<b>Counseling compact</b> Enacting the interstate counseling compact for licensed mental health counselors.	Dead	Muzzall
<a href="#"><u>2SSB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>5243</u></a>	<b>High school and beyond plans</b> Concerning high school and beyond planning.	S Rules 2	Wellman

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<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.	Dead	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>2SSB 5311</u></a> (HB 1211)	<b>Special education funding</b> Concerning special education funding formula.	S Rules 2	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 Rules 2	Wilson
<a href="#"><u>SB 5408</u></a>	<b>Ninth grade success grants</b> Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.	Dead	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.	Dead	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.	Dead	Wilson
<a href="#"><u>SB 5462</u></a>	<b>Inclusive learning standards</b> Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	S 2nd Reading	Lias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5505</u></a>	<b>School year expansion</b> Addressing learning loss by expanding the school year.	Dead	Hawkins
<a href="#"><u>SB 5511</u></a>	<b>K-12 education funding</b> Enhancing and improving the equity of K-12 education funding.	Dead	Braun
<a href="#"><u>SB 5513</u></a>	<b>CTC mental health counseling</b> Concerning mental health counseling at community and technical colleges.	Dead	Lias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5527</u></a>	<b>Graduation pathway options</b>	S Rules 2	Mullet

Adding additional courses to the list of courses approved as a graduation pathway option.

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<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 Rules 2	Lias
<a href="#"><u>SB 5650</u></a>	<b>K-12 inflationary increases</b> Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees.	S Rules 2	Rolfes
<a href="#"><u>SB 5656</u></a>	<b>School security grants</b> Establishing the school security and preparedness infrastructure grant program.	Dead	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 Rules 2	Hawkins
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5702 (SHB 1693)</u></a>	<b>Student homelessness pilot</b> Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	S Rules 2	Trudeau
<a href="#"><u>SB 5719 (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.	Dead	Hunt

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