



# AFT-West Virginia 2014 Legislative Update

## High Priority Bills active during Legislative Crossover

Bill	Title	Last Action	Comm. Reference
SB 391	<i>Providing salary increase for teachers and school service personnel</i> <b>AFT-WV Supports nothing less than the 2% increase proposed by the governor.</b>	02/25/14 - To Senate Laid over on 3rd reading 2/25/14 3rd Reading	<b>Senate Ref. 1 - Education</b> <b>Senate Ref. 2 - Finance</b>
SB 477	<i>Providing teachers determine use of time during planning period</i> <b>AFT-WV Supports the original bill language and is working to clarify the definition of "occasional meetings"</b>	02/21/14 - To House Education	<b>House Ref. 1 - Education</b> <b>Senate Ref. 1 - Education</b>
HB 4394	<i>Relating to the filling of professional personnel positions in the public schools</i> <b>AFT-WV continues to support transparency and accountability in hiring and job postings</b>	02/17/14 - To Senate Education	<b>Senate Ref. 1 - Education</b>
SB 409	<i>Relating to education reform</i> <b>AFT-WV remains committed to <u>keeping Teach for America out</u> and working to improve Critical Needs Alternative Certification language.</b>	02/25/14 - To House Ordered to	<b>Senate Ref. 1 - Education</b>
HB 4618	<i>Establishing transformative system of support for early literacy</i> <b>AFT-WV supports recapturing the critical needs funds and utilize them for pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.</b>	02/25/14 - To Senate Education	<b>Senate Ref. 1 - Education</b>
HB 4619	<i>Authorizing innovation school districts</i> <b>AFT-WV supports limited implementation of District Innovation Zones similar to McDowell County. This bill will only allow a maximum of eight county zones, with only two from each of four population density categories.</b>	02/26/14 - To House On 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading, Daily Calendar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading, Special Calendar	<b>House Ref. 1 - Education</b>
SB 461	<i>Creating Future Fund</i> <b>AFT-WV supports this legislation as a potential source of long-term revenue to enhance education and salaries as a means of recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers.</b>	02/21/14 - To House Judiciary	<b>House Ref. 1 - Judiciary</b> <b>House Ref. 2 - Finance</b>
HB 4555	<i>Requiring county boards of education to provide released time for professional educators and service personnel when serving in an elected municipal or county office</i> <b>AFT-WV Supports providing education employees the same protections of private individuals in serving a part-time public office.</b>	02/26/14 - To House On 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading, Daily Calendar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading, Special Calendar	<b>House Ref. 1 - Finance</b>
HB 3156	<i>Granting a labor organization a privilege from being compelled to disclose any communication or information the labor organization or agent received or acquired in confidence from an employee</i> <b>AFT-WV Supports providing disclosure privileges to employees represented by labor organizations.</b>	02/26/14 - To House On 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading, Daily Calendar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading, Special Calendar	<b>House Ref. 1 - Industry and Labor</b> <b>House Ref. 2 - Judiciary</b>



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