



# AFT-West Virginia 2015 Legislative Update

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## Education Bills on the Move:

### **Committee Substitute for SB14 Creating West Virginia Public Charter Schools Act of 2015**

Permits the creation of publicly funded charter schools; PENDING THIRD READING WITH RIGHT TO AMEND; AFT OPPOSES

### **SB19 Specifying minimum early childhood education program instruction days**

Reduces early childhood education program requirement from 5 days per week to 4 days. PASSED SENATE 34-0, PENDING HOUSE EDUCATION

### **HB2005 Alternative Certification Programs**

Expands alternative certification, permits Teach For America; PASSED HOUSE, PENDING SENATE EDUCATION; AFT-WV OPPOSES

### **HB2151 Making the West Virginia state teacher of the year an ex officio, nonvoting member of the WV BOE**

PASSED HOUSE 95-1; PENDING SENATE EDUCATION; AFT-WV SUPPORTS

### **SB238 Exempting county boards of education from liability arising from unorganized recreation**

Provides that county boards of education are not liable for loss or injury from the use of school property made available for unorganized recreation PASSED SENATE & HOUSE, AWAITING GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE; NO POSITION TAKEN BY AFT-WV

### **HB2370 Increasing the powers of regional councils for governance of regional education service agencies**

Expands the powers of the regional councils comprised of superintendents, county board members and others in the governance of regional education service agencies PASSED HOUSE 99-0, PENDING SENATE EDUCATION; AFT-WV SUPPORTS

### **SB243 Relating to school nutrition standards during state of emergency or preparedness**

Facilitates educational instruction during a state of emergency where approved school meals are not available for distribution to students PASSED SENATE 34-0; PENDING HOUSE EDUCATION; AFT-WV SUPPORTS

### **HB2139 Relating to employment of retired teachers as substitutes in areas of critical need and shortage for substitutes**

Restarts expired provisions that allow retired teachers to be employed as substitutes in areas of critical need and shortage for substitutes beyond the 140-day post-retirement employment limit.

PASSED HOUSE, PENDING SENATE PENSIONS; AFT-WV SUPPORTS

### **HB2160 WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind eligible for SBA funding**

Makes schools for deaf and blind eligible to participate in all funding administered or distributed by WV SBA

PASSED HOUSE, PENDING SENATE EDUCATION; AFT-WV SUPPORTS

### **HB2377 Authorizing State Board of Education to approve certain alternatives with respect to instructional time**

Describes the constitutional authority of the State Board of Education for the general supervision of the public schools and includes provisions for flexibility for instructional time. AFT-WV worked to ensure flexibility provisions in the bill guarantee the current minimum required planning period for teachers. ADVANCED TO HOUSE JUDICIARY WITH AMENDMENTS; AFT SUPPORTS

**HB2387 Relating to a framework for initiating comprehensive transformation of school leadership** PASSED HOUSE, PENDING SENATE EDUCATION

### **HB2545 Relating to reimbursement of certification fee for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification**

PASSED HOUSE, PENDING SENATE EDUCATION; AFT-WV SUPPORTS

### **HB2598 Ensuring that teachers of students with disabilities receive complete information about the school's plan for accommodating the child's disabilities**

PASSED HOUSE, PENDING SENATE EDUCATION; AFT-WV SUPPORTS

### **HB 2934 Repeals implementation of the Common Core Standards**

AFT-WV has maintained from the inception of Common Core that resources and professional development are critical to the proper implementation of the standards. AFT-WV cannot support a bill that leaves WV with no standards and costs the state well over \$100 million. NOW ON 2<sup>nd</sup> READING IN HOUSE; AFT-WV OPPOSES



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