



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; PASSED SENATE, AMENDED AND ADVANCED BY HOUSE EDUCATION, WILL BE PLACED ON A SPECIAL HOUSE CALENDAR THIS WEEKEND AND COULD BE VOTED ON AS EARLY AS MONDAY; 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, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; 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

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 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. PASSED HOUSE, PENDING SENATE EDUCATION; 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. PASSED HOUSE, PENDING SENATE EDUCATION; AFT-WV OPPOSES

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