



AFT-West Virginia 2018 Legislative Update

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AFT-WV President Christine Campbell: PEIA freeze is not a fix

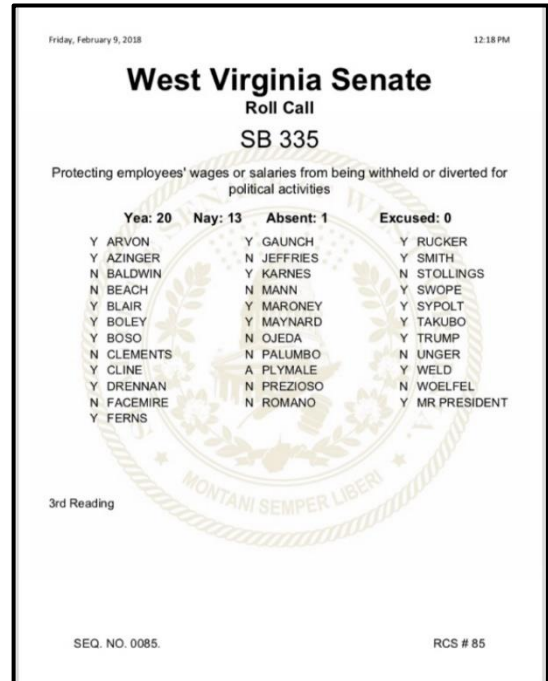
PEIA:

On Thursday, the Governor held a press conference but provided no new information, only reiterated his call to freeze changes to PEIA.

"A freeze is not a fix. While we're glad our elected leaders are focusing on PEIA and listening to our concerns, the dedicated employees of West Virginia deserve real solutions. PEIA is not fixed until the Governor and legislative leaders identify a dedicated, sustainable funding stream for the plan. "Promises won't pay the bills," explained AFT-WV President Christine Campbell.

Salary:

The House of Delegates Finance Committee passed SB 267, the pay raise bill for teachers, service personnel and state police on Wednesday. The House bill calls for a 2% increase, followed by a 1% increase annually for the following three years. There was an attempt by the House Finance Democrats to amend the bill to a 3% increase per year for three years, but the measure was defeated on party lines. AFT-WV maintains that our teachers, service personnel and all public employees deserve a meaningful pay increase and continues to meet with legislative leaders from both parties to improve the pay raise bill. Additionally, AFT-WV is working to ensure state employees receive a long-overdue pay raise.



Retaliation Alert!

These bills are aimed at silencing the voice of employees and their leaders.

SB 335 -Paycheck Deception (Sponsors: Senators Karnes, Weld, Boso, Blair, Rucker, Cline and Ferns)

In a clear attempt to silence your voice, immediately following last Friday's rally, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed SB 335, which affects your union dues deduction from your paycheck. Please contact your House members and tell them to vote No on SB 335. The bill passed the Senate today. (Roll call pictured above.)

SB 494 Attack on the Union Presidents (Sponsors: Senators Azinger and Ferns)

This bill would strip provisions in current law that allow elected presidents of the statewide professional associations to purchase service credit in the State Teachers Retirement System. The buyback only applies to the time spent while serving as an officer at no cost to the state nothing. This bill affects only two people in the entire state: Christine Campbell and Dale Lee. The bill is pending Senate Pensions Committee, which is chaired by Senator Karnes .

STATEWIDE DAY OF ACTION & RALLY FEBRUARY 17, 2018

WV STATE CAPITOL at 1:00 PM

Teachers, service personnel & state employees

**Let's stand together to fight for a living wage, fully funded PEIA
and an end to attacks on workers!**

AFT National President Randi Weingarten will speak.

For more details, visit www.aftwv.org

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Numerous bills have been introduced that attack the rights of employees and public education funding. **AFT-WV opposes all legislation that defunds public education and attacks worker's rights. Please watch our social media sites and your email for continued updates and actions regarding these bills.**

Red Alert

SB 6 - Education Savings Accounts (Sponsored by Sen. Rucker and Sen. Karnes)

Education Savings Accounts (ESA) are school vouchers. Vouchers drain funding from public schools, resulting in less resources to provide services to students.

Permitting county boards of education to base certain workforce decisions on individual's qualifications

There are several bills attacking the seniority rights for teachers and service personnel. While none of these bills have advanced from a committee yet, we must remain vigilant and continue to contact legislators to oppose any attack on seniority.

SB 124 / SB 304 / HB 2572 - Authorizing charter schools (Lead sponsors: Sen. Karnes, Sen. Carmichael & Del. Espinosa)

There are multiple bills to propose charter schools. All would drain funding from public schools.

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