This week:

**School Calendar Bill rejected by House**

A bill that would have restricted the starting and ending dates of the school year was rejected on the House floor by a 47-50 vote (see roll call on right.) The bill had been amended in committee to restrict schools to beginning after Labor Day and ending after June 7. A motion to reconsider the bill on the floor failed on a 52-46 vote the following day.

**HB 2425 -School Service Personnel Work Day**

After being pulled from the House Education agenda twice, this bill is currently laid over and no movement is expected this week on the bill. Clearly, your calls and emails in opposition to the bill made a difference and may be needed again in the future if the bill reappears.

⚠️ Bills Advanced out of the House Education Committee ⚠️

- **HB 4022** Clarifying the qualifications of the Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission; passed House, pending Senate Education
- **HB 4077** Increasing the amount of the bond required to be posted by proprietary schools; passed House, pending Senate Education
- **HB 4365** Granting of college credit hours for learning English as a second language; passed House, communicated to Senate
- **HB 4089** Requiring cursive writing to be taught; passed House, communicated to Senate
- **HB 4143** Creating the Business PROMISE+ Scholarship; pending House Finance Comm Sub for **HB 2464** Requiring free feminine hygiene products in grades 6 through 12; pending Finance
HB 4546  Relating to tuberculosis testing for school superintendents; amended and passed House Education, pending Health and Human Resources
Comm Sub for 4378  Relating to disciplining teachers

⚠️ Bills Advanced out of the Senate Education Committee ⚠

**SB 42**  Permitting faith-based electives in classroom drug prevention programs; passed full Senate, pending House Education
Comm Sub for **SB 187**  Relating generally to in-state tuition rates for certain persons; pending Senate Finance
Comm Sub for **SB 192**  Relating to WV Secondary School Activities Commission audits; failed 16-17 (1 absent) on Senate floor vote
**SB 241**  Requiring State Board of Education develop method for student transportation costs as stand-alone consideration; passed Senate, pending House Education
Comm Sub for **SB 297**  Requiring Board of Education create home economics course; passed Senate, pending House Education
Comm Sub for **SB 303**  Enacting Students' Right to Know Act; passed Senate, pending House Education
Comm Sub for **SB 614**  Changing method of allocating funding from Safe School Funds; pending Senate Finance
**SB 623**  Allowing noncitizens of US be eligible for teaching certificate; passed Senate Education, advances to full Senate

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⚠️ Bills to Watch ⚠

*These bills have been introduced, but no action taken yet. We will be watching these problematic bills closely.*

- **HB 2002**/ **SB 515**  Education Savings Account Act
- **HB 2632**/ **HB 3127**/ **SB 131**  Tim Tebow Act
- **HB 2847**  Allows exemptions for required vaccinations for public schools
- **SB 127**  Allows governing boards to eliminate tenure for higher education faculty