



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AFT-West Virginia, AFL-CIO



*Standing 55 Strong...From Statehouse to Schoolhouse*

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## AFT-WV hosts lobby day, first ever gubernatorial candidate forum

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, members from across the state traveled to the Capitol to speak with their elected leaders as part of AFT-WV's Lobby Day. In the afternoon, teachers and service personnel were able to hear three of the candidates for governor participate in AFT-WV's first ever Gubernatorial Candidate Forum. Candidates answered questions from attendees and explained why they believe they would make a good governor of our state.



If you missed the livestream of the event, you can watch the replay at this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/aftwv/videos/151961566246596/>.

### **Service Personnel Bill – Calls/ Emails Needed NOW**

**This morning's vote in House Education was postponed until 5 PM today – Keep calling and emailing the [House Education Committee](#) to voice your opposition to HB 2425, which basically extends the working hours of service personnel without additional compensation.**

### **Bills Reported from Committee**

#### **Bills Advanced out of House Education**

[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, communicated to Senate

[HB 4365](#) Granting of college credit hours for learning English as a second language; on 1<sup>st</sup> reading in House

[HB 4089](#) Requiring cursive writing to be taught; on 1<sup>st</sup> reading on special calendar

[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

Comm Sub for [HB 2433](#) Modifying the school calendar to begin not earlier than Labor Day and end prior to Memorial Day; pending House Finance

## **Bills Advanced out of Senate Education:**

[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; on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in Senate

Comm Sub for [SB 297](#) Requiring Board of Education create home economics course; on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in Senate

Comm Sub for [SB 303](#) Enacting Students' Right to Know Act; on 1<sup>st</sup> reading in Senate

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- Make sure your cell phone number is updated with us! During the 2019 strike, AFT-WV deployed a new technology that enables us to instantly have a text conversation with all members with a valid mobile number on file. If you haven't recently updated your contact information, please do so using the link on the AFT-WV website.
- Many AFT local presidents and staff representatives use the Remind app to communicate with their local members. Ask your local president or staff rep if your county uses Remind and get signed up!



### **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