



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Almost there!

With just a week left in the 2020 Legislative Session, crossover day has passed and it's easier to get a picture of what bills still have a chance of becoming law. A lot can happen in the final week, so remain vigilant in case we need your calls, emails or visits to legislators!



Bills Still Alive After Crossover:

[Comm Sub for SB 661](#) Creating uniform instructional day to 300 minutes or 5 hours; passed Senate, communicated to House.

[SB 623](#) Allowing noncitizens of US be eligible for teaching certificate; passed Senate and House, completed legislative action

[HB 4408](#) Requiring the State Board of Education to develop and implement an online database for the employment of school principals; passed House, pending Senate Education

[Com. Sub. for S. B. 702](#) Designating specific grade levels in which nutrition and physical fitness programs are taught; passed Senate, pending House Education

[SB 703](#) Increasing earning limit for employees who accept separation incentive; passed Senate, on 3rd reading in House.

[Comm Sub for SB 38](#) Requiring schools provide elective course on Hebrew Scriptures or Bible; passed Senate, pending House Education.

[Comm Sub for SB 614](#) Changing method of allocating funding from Safe School Funds; passed Senate, pending House Finance

[Comm Sub for SB 707](#) Relating to nursing career pathways; passed Senate, pending House Education

[SB 691](#) Limiting programs adopted by State Board of Education; passed Senate, pending House Education

[SB 712](#) Correcting name of Forensic Analysis Laboratory; passed Senate, on 3rd reading House Special Calendar

[SB 723](#) Requiring Department of Education develop plan based on analyzed data on school discipline; passed Senate, pending House Education

[Comm Sub for SB 760](#) Allowing state college or university apply to HEPC for designation as administratively or financially exempt school; passed Senate, pending House Education

[SB 781](#) Relating to reports regarding collaborative agreements between community and technical colleges and federally registered apprenticeship programs; passed Senate, on 3rd reading House Special Calendar

[SB 750](#) Establishing extended learning opportunities; passed Senate, pending House Education

[SB 680](#) Qualifying not-for-profit private baccalaureate institutions for Advanced Career Education programs and WV Invests Grant Program; passed Senate, passed House Education, pending House Finance

[SB 842](#) Behavior interventionist pilot program; passed Senate, pending House Education

[Comm Sub for SB 131](#) The Tim Tebow Act allows homeschool and private school students to participate in public school extracurricular activities; passed Senate, pending House Education (*House Education has put forth their own version of the bill, see top of first page*)

[Comm Sub for SB 230](#) Requires State Board of Education to provide routine education for suicide prevention; passed Senate, passed House Education, moves to floor

[SB 616](#) Changes provisions in the grievance procedure for public employees; passed Senate, pending House Government Organization

[SB 42](#) Permitting faith-based electives in classroom drug prevention programs; passed full Senate, pending House Education

[SB 482](#) Eliminating permit requirement for storing concealed handgun in vehicle on school property for persons over 21; passed Senate, pending House Judiciary

[SB 241](#) Requiring State Board of Education develop method for student transportation costs as stand-alone consideration; passed Senate, on 3rd reading House Special Calendar

[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, passed House Education, moves to floor

[Comm Sub for 3127](#) House version of the Tim Tebow bill. There are substantial differences in this bill and the Senate version. Passed House, Senate dispensed committee reference and voted to immediately consider, on 2nd reading in Senate

[HB 4398](#) Extends the requirements of Freedom Week (teaching Constitution, Bill of Rights, etc.) to private schools; passed House, passed Senate Education, moves to floor

[HB 4790](#) Expands CTE/ Vo-Tech programs into middle schools; passed House, pending Senate Education

[HB 4737](#) Clarifying student eligibility for state-sponsored financial aid; passed House, communicated to Senate.

[HB 4546](#) Relating to tuberculosis testing for school superintendents; passed House, pending Senate Education

[HB 4519](#) Establishing a summer youth intern pilot program within Department of Commerce; passed House, pending Senate Education

[HB 2775](#) Requiring each high school student to complete a full credit course of study in personal finance; passed House, pending Senate Education

[HB 2897](#) Relating to driving restrictions in school zones; passed House, pending Senate Education

[HB 4729](#) Requiring higher education institutions to use previous versions or editions of instructional materials; passed House, passed Senate Education, moves to floor

[HB 4497](#) Requiring an external defibrillator device at any secondary school athlete event; passed House, pending Senate Education

[Comm Sub for HB 4165](#) West Virginia Remembers Program; passed House, pending Senate Military

[HB 4804](#) Relating to comprehensive systems of support for teacher and leader induction and professional growth; passed House, communicated to Senate

[Comm Sub for HB 4780](#) Permitting a school-based decision-making council to offer elective courses of instruction on the Bible; passed House, pending Senate Education

[Comm Sub for HB 4925](#) Requiring the Secondary Schools Athletic Commission to recognize private, parochial, or church schools; passed House, pending Senate Education

[Comm Sub for HB 4535](#) Relating to student aide class titles; passed House, pending Senate Education

- [HB 4691](#) Relating to employment in areas of critical need in public education; passed House, pending Senate Education
- [HB 4069](#) West Virginia Student Religious Liberties Act; passed House, pending Senate Education
- [HB 4804](#) Relating to comprehensive systems of support for teacher and leader induction and professional growth; passed House, communicated to Senate
- [HB 4022](#) Clarifying the qualifications of the Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission; passed House, passed Senate Education, moves to floor
- [HB 4077](#) Increasing the amount of the bond required to be posted by proprietary schools; passed House, passed Senate Education, moves to floor
- [HB 4365](#) Granting of college credit hours for learning English as a second language; passed House, pending Senate Education
- [HB 4412](#) Relating to education benefits to members of the West Virginia Army National Guard and West Virginia Air National Guard; passed House, passed Senate Education, moves to floor
- [HB 4089](#) Requiring cursive writing to be taught; passed House, pending Senate Education
- [Comm Sub for 4378](#) Relating to disciplining teachers; passed House, pending Senate Education



Bills that Died on Crossover Day

These bills were not passed from their house of origin by Crossover Day and are essentially dead.

- [Comm Sub for HB 4649](#) Relating to implementation of trauma-informed practices in schools; passed House Education, pending House Finance
- [HB 2794](#) Establishing the Summer Feeding for All initiative
- [HB 4843](#) Relating to public school education assessment of students for dyslexia and dyscalculia
- [HB 4939](#) Relating to senior citizens attending college classes at state institutions without receiving college credit
- [HB 4568](#) Requiring the State Board of Education to provide for the routine education of all professional educators
- [HB 4367](#) Adding speech pathologists to the step increase for special education teachers
- [HB 2719](#) Establishing an optional bus operator in residence program for school districts
- [HB 2425](#) Changing the School Service Personnel Work Day
- [HB 4677](#) Making public school teachers state employees
- [HB 4735](#) Places a LPN or RN at every school
- [HB 4143](#) Creating the Business PROMISE+ Scholarship
- Comm Sub for [HB 2464](#) Requiring free feminine hygiene products in grades 6 through 12
- Comm Sub for [SB 187](#) Relating generally to in-state tuition rates for certain persons
- [HB 2002/ SB 515](#) Education Savings Account Act
- [HB 2847](#) Allows exemptions for required vaccinations for public schools
- [SB 127](#) Allows governing boards to eliminate tenure for higher education faculty
- [HB 4967](#) Adds .15 to FTS for homeschool students who take online courses

Bills that Failed on a Floor Vote

- [SB 775](#) Requiring two water bottle filling stations be included in newly built or renovated schools; rejected by a vote of 9-24 on Senate floor