Legislative Issue Review Checklist – Amended Issues

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| **Section A - General Criteria** | **Must be YES to all** |
| **1. Was the submission received by the deadline?** | * **YES** – Continue with review
* **NO** – Stop review
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| **2. Was the submission complete, including all required information and verifiable supporting evidence?** | * **YES** – Continue with review
* **NO** – Stop review
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| **3. Is the issue still statewide in scope?** | * **YES** – Continue with review
* **NO** – Stop review
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| **4. Does the issue still supplement but not conflict with the WSPTA legislative platform or with National PTA resolutions or position statements?** | * **YES** – Continue with review
* **NO** – Stop review
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| 1. **Is the issue still consistent with PTA purposes, values, vision, and mission? Does the issue still relate to the health, safety, well- being, and education of children and youth?**

**PTA Purposes:*** 1. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community;
	2. To raise the standards of home life;
	3. To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth;
	4. To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth;
	5. To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth;
	6. To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.
 | * **YES** – Continue with review
* **NO** – Stop review
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| **6. The issue still does not harm or negatively impact WSPTA (including but not limited to legal, financial, volunteers and other resources, as well as implications to existing partnership and coalition agreements).** | * **YES** – Continue with review
* **NO** – Stop review
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| 1. **Does this issue still meet the definition of a legislative issue versus a resolution?**
	* Legislative issues are short-term positions that seek solutions that can only be accomplished through legislative action of the Washington state legislature.
	* Resolutions are long-term positions that offer solutions to policy issues at the federal, state or local school district level.
 | * **YES** - Continue with review
* **NO** – Stop review and refer to the resolutions committee
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| 1. **Is this still a state level legislative issue (versus federal level or local implementation)?**
	* **State legislative issue -** the legislature can make or change a law to address the problem.
	* **Federal legislative issue -** only Congress can address the problem. Discuss with the WSPTA Federal Legislative Chair.
	* **Local implementation issue -** school board, school district or school-level solutions to the problem. Can the advocacy committee provide guidance or resources to help with local advocacy?
 | * **YES** - Continue with review
* **NO** - Stop review
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| **Section B - Issue Criteria** | **24 Points Max** |
| **1. Title Character Limit**Does it meet the limit of fewer than 50 characters, including spaces? | * **3 points:** YES
* **1 point:** 10 characters or less over the limit
* **0 points:** More than 10 characters over the limit
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| **2. Title Accuracy**Does it accurately describe the issue? | * **5 points:** Title accurately describes the problem being addressed or the proposed solutions
* **3 points:** Title needs some revision to better reflect the problem being addressed or the proposed solutions
* **0 points:** Title does not aid understanding of the issue and needs major revision
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| **3. Issue Description**Does it meet the limit of fewer than 350 characters, including spaces and follow the required format? | * **3 points:** YES
* **1 point:** 25 characters or less over the limit
* **0 points:** More than 25 characters over the limit
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| **4. Persuasive Statement Word Limit**Does it meet the limit of fewer than 250 words? | * **3 points:** YES
* **1 point:** 25 words or less over the limit
* **0 points:** More than 25 words over the limit
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| **5. Persuasive Statement Strength**Is it strong? | * **5 points:** Accurately describes the problem being addressed, the proposed solutions, and makes a strong case for having the issue on the WSPTA platform
* **3 points:** Needs some revision to better reflect the issue proposal and/or be more persuasive
* **0 points:** Does not aid understanding of the issue and needs major revision
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| **6. Citations**Is the submission information verified? | * **5 points:** All information is verified
* **3 points:** Most information verified; some is not verified
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| **7. Stand-Alone or Combine**Should this issue be combined with another proposal or an existing part of the platform? | * **YES**
* **NO**
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| **Section C – Submitter/Team Availability** | **4 Points Max** |
| **1. Availability – Future Advocacy**Is the submitter/team willing and able to participate in advocacy for this issue, including taking part in weekly conference calls and testifying in Olympia? | * **3 points:** YES
* **1 point:** Some involvement
* **0 points:** NO
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| **2. Availability – Legislative Assembly**Will the submitter be available to attend legislative assembly? | * **1 point:** YES
* **0 points:** NO or unsure at this time
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| **Total** | **28 Points Max – If title and issue description amended 25 Points Max – If only issue title amended****21 Points Max – If only issue description amended** |