

# WSPTA Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report – Week 2

## Upcoming Events

### Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/20 @ 10:30am

- [SB 5205](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning Washington college grant award amounts. (Remote Testimony Available).

### Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/20 @ 10:30am

- [SB 5062](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a child care workforce standards board. (Remote Testimony Available).

### Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/21 @ 8:00am

- [SB 5181](#) - Public Hearing - Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5180](#) - Public Hearing - Securing the rights of students to have a safe, civil, and respectful learning community. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5123](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools. (Remote Testimony Available).

### Finance (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/21 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1386](#) - Public Hearing - Imposing a new tax on firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)

### Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/21 @ 10:30am

- [HB 1163](#) - Public Hearing - Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 1132](#) - Public Hearing - Enhancing public safety by limiting bulk purchases and transfers of firearms and ammunition. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 1152](#) - Public Hearing - Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/21 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 1143](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning Washington college grant award amounts. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 1136](#) - Exec Session - Providing student navigational supports to increase postsecondary enrollment.

### **Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 1/22 @ 8:00am**

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/22 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5187](#) - Public Hearing - Providing adequate and predictable student transportation. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5192](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning school district materials, supplies, and operating costs. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5263](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning special education funding. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5307](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning special education funding. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/22 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 1259](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning supervision requirements for behavioral health professionals in elementary and secondary public schools. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 1285](#) - Public Hearing - Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement in public schools. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 1296](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting a safe and supportive public education system. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/23 @ 10:30am**

- [SB 5120](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding the learning assistance program. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5177](#) - Public Hearing - Considering the experiences of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups when identifying professional development resources on certain topics. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5181](#) - Exec Session - Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law.

## Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/23 @ 10:30am

- [SB 5105](#) - Exec Session - Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors.

## Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/23 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5275](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying funding and award levels for the passport to careers program and eligibility for the Washington college grant. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5308](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing the Washington guaranteed admissions program and requiring student notifications. (Remote Testimony Available).

## Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/24 @ 10:30am

- [HB 1163](#) - Exec Session - Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms.
- [HB 1132](#) - Exec Session - Enhancing public safety by limiting bulk purchases and transfers of firearms and ammunition.
- [HB 1152](#) - Exec Session - Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences.

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### #1: Closing the Funding Gaps

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1310</a> (SB 5307)	Special education funding	Concerning special education funding.	H Approps	Pollet		
<a href="#">HB 1338</a>	School operating costs	Concerning school operating costs.	H Approps	Berg		
<a href="#">HB 1356</a>	K-12 funding	Concerning K-12 funding.	H Approps	Bergquist		
<a href="#">HB 1357</a>	Special education funding	Providing special education funding and support for inclusionary practices.	H Approps	Stonier		
<a href="#">SB 5120</a>	Learning assistance program	OSPI Agency Request: Expanding the learning assistance program.	S EL/K-12	Nobles		
<a href="#">SB 5187</a>	Student transportation	Big 3: Providing adequate and predictable student transportation.	S EL/K-12	Wellman		

<a href="#">SB 5192</a>	School district materials	Concerning school district materials, supplies, and operating costs. Appears the increase to all students is \$135, and for grades 9-12 \$28.05. Creates a new formula for calculating MSOC: For the purposes of calculating allocations under this subsection (8), a school district's full-time equivalent student enrollment is the average of the district's prior three school years' total annual average full-time equivalent enrollment.	S EL/K-12	Nobles		
<a href="#">SB 5263</a>	Special education funding	Concerning special education funding.	S EL/K-12	Pedersen		
<a href="#">SB 5307</a> (HB 1310)	Special education funding	Concerning special education funding.	S EL/K-12	Wellman		

## #2: Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1259</a>	Behavioral health/schools	Concerning supervision requirements for behavioral health professionals in elementary and secondary public schools.	H Postsec Ed & W	Shavers		
<a href="#">SB 5126</a>	Student mental health net.	OSPI Request: Establishing a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health.	S EL/K-12	Nobles		
<a href="#">SB 5369</a>		Enhancing youth mental health and well-being through advanced training and expansion of the workforce in schools.		Orwall		

## #3: Addressing Funding, Inclusion and Supports in Special Education

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1051</a>	IEP team meetings/recording	Permitting the recording of individualized education program team meetings.	H Education	Walsh		
<a href="#">HB 1241</a>	Students with disabilities	Pollet/Couture: Improving access to and provision of a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities.	H Education	Pollet		
<a href="#">HB 1257</a> (SB 5253)	Special education services	OSPI Request: Extending special education services to students with disabilities until the end of the school year in which the student turns 22.	H Education	Pollet		
<a href="#">HB 1267</a>	Special education funding	Adjusting funded special education enrollment beginning in the 2025-26 school year to	H Approps	Couture		

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		16.5%; 2026-27 and 2027-28 to 17%; and removing the cap completely in the 2028-29 school year.				
<a href="#">HB 1357</a>	Special education funding	Providing special education funding and support for inclusionary practices.	H Approps	Stonier		
<a href="#">SB 5253</a> (HB 1257)	Special education services	Extending special education services to students with disabilities until the end of the school year in which the student turns 22.	S EL/K-12	Cortes		

#### #4: Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1132</a>	Bulk firearm purchases	Enhancing public safety by limiting bulk purchases and transfers of firearms and ammunition.	H Civil R & Judi	Farivar		
<a href="#">HB 1139</a>	Unlawful firearm possession	Promoting public safety and deterring unlawful firearm possession by increasing criminal penalties for unlawful possession of a firearm.	H Community Safe	Low		
<a href="#">HB 1152</a>	Firearm storage	Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences.	H Civil R & Judi	Doglio		
<a href="#">HB 1163</a> (SB 5140)	Firearm purchase	Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms.	H Civil R & Judi	Berry		
<a href="#">HB 1385</a>	Background checks	Concerning fingerprint background check on applicants.		Taylor		
<a href="#">HB 1386</a>	Firearms tax	Imposing a new tax on firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition.		Thai		
<a href="#">SSB 5098</a>	Weapons in certain areas	Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities.	S Ways & Means	Valdez		
<a href="#">SB 5140</a> (HB 1163)	Firearm purchase	Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms.	S Law & Justice	Liias		
<a href="#">SB 5257</a>	Juvenile firearm sentencing	Modifying sentencing standards for juvenile firearm offenses.	S Human Services	Christian		
<a href="#">SB 5268</a>	Unlawful firearm possession	Classifying unlawful possession of a firearm as a violent offense.	S Law & Justice	Wagoner		

#### #5: Expanding School Construction Funding Options

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1011</a>	School safety capital grants	Jacobsen bill: Creating a school safety capital grant program.	H Cap Budget	Jacobsen		
<a href="#">HB 1032</a>	School district elections	Simple majority for bonds	H Education	Stonier		
<a href="#">HJR 4201</a>	School district bonds	Amending the Constitution to allow a majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	H Education	Stonier		
<a href="#">SB 5003</a>	School security grants	Establishing the school security and preparedness infrastructure grant program.	S EL/K-12	Torres		
<a href="#">SB 5004</a>	School emergency response	Updating emergency response systems in public schools including panic or alert buttons.	S EL/K-12	Torres		
<a href="#">SB 5095</a>	School construction debt	Concerning school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction.	S EL/K-12	Dhingra		
<a href="#">SB 5186</a>	School district elections	55% majority passage for bonds	S EL/K-12	Krishnadasan		
<a href="#">SJR 8200</a>	School district bond voting	Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	S EL/K-12	Cortes		

### Climate Change mitigation

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1031</a>	School facility temperatures	Reeves bill: Mitigating the impact of rising school facility temperatures resulting from climate change.	H Education	Reeves		
<a href="#">HB 1134</a>	Schools/resource conserv.	Creates the Washington State Green Schools Program to promote resource conservation practices in public schools. Voluntary program.	H Education	Bergquist		

### Digital Divide

No bills.

### Educator Workforce

No bills.

### Family Engagement

No bills.

## General Education Watch List

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1122</a> (SB 5346)	Student mobile device use	Restricting mobile device usage by public school students.	H Education	McClintock		
<a href="#">HB 1128</a> (SB 5062)	Child care workforce board	Establishing a child care workforce standards board.	H Labor & Workpl	Fosse		
<a href="#">HB 1140</a>	K-12 scholarship program	Establishing empowerED scholarships using educational savings accounts.	H Education	Couture		
<a href="#">HB 1393</a>	Commencement/cultural exp.	Providing public school students with opportunities for cultural expression at commencement ceremonies.		McEntire		
<a href="#">SB 5007</a>	Chronically absent students	Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school.	S EL/K-12	Braun		
<a href="#">SB 5062</a> (HB 1128)	Child care workforce board	Establishing a child care workforce standards board.	S Labor & Comm	Stanford		
<a href="#">SB 5159</a>	Trick-or-treat day	Establishing trick-or-treat day on the weekend prior to the first day of November. May not be considered a legal holiday.	S State Gov/Trib	Shewmake		
<a href="#">SB 5177</a>	Professional dev. resources	Considering the experiences of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups when identifying professional development resources on certain topics.	S EL/K-12	Nobles		
<a href="#">SB 5235</a>	Public school statutes	Repealing and reorganizing outdated statutes concerning public schools. Amending RCW 28A.175.145 and 28A.235.120; adding a new section to chapter 28A.235 RCW; recodifying RCW 28A.623.030; and repealing RCW 28A.335.300, 28A.415.315, 28A.415.330, 28A.415.380, 28A.600.045, 28A.605.040, 28A.623.005, 28A.623.010,	S EL/K-12	Wellman		

		28A.623.020, 28A.625.100, 28A.625.110, 28A.625.150, 28A.630.198, 28A.630.810, 28A.655.071, 28A.655.130, 28A.655.280, 28A.690.010, 28A.690.020, and 28A.690.030.				
<a href="#">SB 5271</a>	School nurse requirement	Requiring school districts of the first class to employ a school nurse.	S EL/K-12	Wellman		
<a href="#">SB 5346</a> (HB 1122)	Student mobile device use	Restricting mobile device usage by public school students.	S EL/K-12	Liias		

### Meaningful High School Diploma

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1151</a> (SB 5210)	Ninth grade success grants	Establishing the ninth grade success grant program, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.	H Approps	Steele		
<a href="#">SB 5080</a>	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement.	S EL/K-12	Valdez		
<a href="#">SB 5327</a>	Learning standards	Concerning learning standards and graduation requirements.	S EL/K-12	Wellman		

### New revenue

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1319</a>	Wealth tax	Enacting a wealth tax on the ownership of stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible property.	H Finance	Street		
<a href="#">HB 1320</a>	Business & occupation tax	Modifying business and occupation tax rates to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians.	H Finance	Street		
<a href="#">HB 1334</a>	Property tax revenue growth	Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit.	H Finance	Pollet		

### Resolution (Supports)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1021</a>	Military families/education	Promoting educational stability for children of military families.	H Education	Shavers		
<a href="#">HB 1136</a>	Student navigational support	Providing student navigational supports to increase postsecondary enrollment.	H Postsec Ed & W	Leavitt		
<a href="#">HB 1143</a> (SB 5205)	College grant award amounts	Concerning Washington college grant award amounts.	H Postsec Ed & W	Mena		

<a href="#">HB 1169</a> (SB 5105)	Fabricated depictions/minors	Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors.	H Community Safe	Leavitt		
<a href="#">HB 1203</a> (SB 5183)	Tobacco & nicotine products	Prohibiting the sale of certain tobacco and nicotine products.	H ConsPro&Bus	Reeves		
<a href="#">HB 1231</a>	Public school starting times	Supporting the exploration and implementation of later starting times for public schools by creating a grant program.	H Education	McEntire		
<a href="#">HB 1273</a>	Dual credit program access	Improving student access to dual credit programs for CTE courses.	H Education	Paul		
<a href="#">HB 1280</a>	Career & tech. ed./6th grade	Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade.	H Approps	Shavers		
<a href="#">HB 1285</a>	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement in public schools, starting with the graduating class of 2031.	H Education	Rude		
<a href="#">HB 1296</a>	Public education system	Promoting a safe and supportive public education system.	H Education	Stonier		
<a href="#">HB 1404</a> (SB 5352)	Free school meals	Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools.		Berg		
<a href="#">SB 5012</a>	Interscholastic athletics	Concerning the organization of interscholastic athletics.	S EL/K-12	Fortunato		
<a href="#">SB 5097</a>	Girls' athletic activities	Safeguarding competitiveness in girls' interscholastic athletic activities.	S EL/K-12	Warnick		
<a href="#">SB 5105</a> (HB 1169)	Fabricated depictions/minors	Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors.	S Law & Justice	Orwall		
<a href="#">SB 5115</a>	Service grant program	Creating the Washington dream act service incentive program.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Valdez		
<a href="#">SB 5123</a>	Discrimination in schools	Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools.	S EL/K-12	Nobles		
<a href="#">SB 5164</a>	Student navigational support	Providing student navigational supports to increase postsecondary enrollment.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Nobles		
<a href="#">SB 5180</a>	Schools/gender inclusive	Lias/Wilson: Securing the rights of students to have a safe, civil, and respectful learning community.	S EL/K-12	Wilson		

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<a href="#">SB 5181</a>	Parents rights in education	Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law.	S EL/K-12	Wilson		
<a href="#">SB 5183</a> (HB 1203)	Tobacco & nicotine products	Prohibiting the sale of certain tobacco and nicotine products.	S Health & Long-	Nobles		
<a href="#">SB 5189</a>	Competency-based education	Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.	S EL/K-12	Wellman		
<a href="#">SB 5205</a> (HB 1143)	College grant award amounts	Establishing the ninth grade success grant program, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Conway		
<a href="#">SB 5210</a> (HB 1151)	Ninth grade success grants	Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.	S EL/K-12	Liias		
<a href="#">SB 5275</a>	Passport to careers program	Modifying funding and award levels for the passport to careers program and eligibility for the Washington college grant.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Nobles		
<a href="#">SB 5282</a>	Missing children adv. board	Reestablishing the advisory board for the missing and exploited children task force.	S Law & Justice	Wellman		
<a href="#">SB 5308</a>	Guaranteed admissions prg.	Establishing the Washington guaranteed admissions program and requiring student notifications.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Hansen		
<a href="#">SB 5352</a>	Free school meals	Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools.	S EL/K-12	Riccelli		
<a href="#">SB 5358</a> (HB 1280)	Career & tech. ed./6th grade	Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade.		Braun		

### Uncategorized Bills

No bills.