

WSPTA Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report – Week 9

Upcoming Events

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/13 @ 10:30am

- [EHB 1393](#) - Public Hearing - Providing public school students with opportunities for cultural expression at commencement ceremonies. (Remote Testimony Available).

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/13 @ 10:30am

- [SB 5189](#) - Public Hearing - Supporting the implementation of competency-based education. (Remote Testimony Available).

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 3/13 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 5737](#) - Public Hearing - Suspending the national board for professional standards certification bonuses for certificated instructional staff. (Remote Testimony Available).

#1: Closing the Funding Gaps

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| SHB 1338 | School operating costs | Concerning school operating costs. | H Rules R | Berg | Support | High |
| SHB 1356 | K-12 funding | Concerning K-12 funding. | H Approps | Bergquist | | Monitoring |
| SHB 1357 | Special education funding | Providing special education funding and support for inclusionary practices. | H 2nd Reading | Stonier | Concerns | High |
| ESSB 5192 | 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 | H Approps | Nobles | Support | High |

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| | | annual average full-time equivalent enrollment. | | | | |
| 2SSB 5263 | Special education funding | Concerning special education funding. | S 2nd Reading | Pedersen | Support | High |
| SB 5772 | Student enrollment | Calculating student enrollment for local effort assistance. | S Rules 2 | Hansen | | |

#2: Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| HB 1805 | Children services/local tax | Creating a local sales and use tax to fund services for children and families that enhance well-being, promote mental health, and provide early interventions. | H Rules R | Tharinger | | |

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

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| SHB 1357 | Special education funding | Providing special education funding and support for inclusionary practices. | H 2nd Reading | Stonier | Concerns | High |
| SSB 5253 (SHB 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. | H Education | Cortes | | |

#4: Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| SHB 1132 | Bulk firearm purchases | Enhancing public safety by limiting bulk purchases and transfers of firearms and ammunition. | H Rules R | Farivar | Support | |
| HB 1152 | Firearm storage | Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences. | H Rules R | Doglio | Support | High |
| E2SHB 1163 (SB 5140) | Firearm purchase | Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms. | H Passed 3rd | Berry | Support | |
| ESHB 1385 | Background checks | Concerning fingerprint background check on applicants. | S Human Services | Taylor | Support | |
| HB 1386 | Firearms tax | Imposing a new tax on firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition. | H Finance | Thai | Support | |
| E2SSB 5098 | 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. | H Civil R & Judi | Valdez | Support | High |

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| ESSB 5268 | Unlawful firearm possession | Classifying unlawful possession of a firearm as a violent offense. | H Community Safet | Wagoner | Concerns | Low |
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#5: Expanding School Construction Funding Options

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| ESSB 5004 | School emergency response | Updating emergency response systems in public schools including panic or alert buttons. - Defines what an emergency response system is: panic buttons, live video or audio streams, locking all doors, or 2-way interactive communication. | H Education | Torres | | |
| 2SSB 5095 (HB 1796) | School construction debt | Concerning school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction. | S 2nd Reading | Dhingra | | |
| 2SSB 5186 | School district fac. funding | 55% majority passage for bonds | S Rules 2 | Krishnadasan | Support | High |
| SSJR 8200 | School district local funds | Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds. | S Rules 2 | Cortes | Support | High |

Climate Change mitigation

No bills.

Digital Divide

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| ESHB 1483 (SB 5423) | Digital electronics/repair | Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner. | S Environment, En | Gregerson | Support | Medium |
| 2SHB 1503 | Digital equity | Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington state. | H 2nd Reading | Gregerson | Support | Low |
| HB 1517 | Digital equity/revenue | Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs. | H Finance | Gregerson | | |

Educator Workforce

No bills.

Family Engagement

No bills.

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General Education Watch List

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| EHB 1393 | Commencement/cultural exp. | Providing public school students with opportunities for cultural expression at commencement ceremonies. | S EL/K-12 | McEntire | | |
| HB 2026 | Education funding | Creating the fairness in education funding act. | H Finance | Dufault | | |
| HJR 4205 | School levies | Abolishing excess enrichment and capital levies. | H Finance | Dufault | | |
| SB 5177 | Professional dev. resources | Considering the experiences of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups when identifying professional development resources on certain topics. | S 2nd Reading | Nobles | | |
| ESB 5235 | 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, 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. | H Education | Wellman | | |

Meaningful High School Diploma

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| 2SHB 1285 | Financial education | Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement in public schools, starting with the graduating class of 2031. | S EL/K-12 | Rude | Concerns | Medium |
| SSB 5327 | Learning standards | Concerning learning standards and graduation requirements. | H Education | Wellman | Concerns | Monitoring |

New revenue

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| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| HB 1319 | Wealth tax | Enacting a wealth tax on the ownership of stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible property. | H Finance | Street | | |
| HB 1320 | Business & occupation tax | Modifying business and occupation tax rates to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians. | H Finance | Street | | |
| HB 1334 | Property tax revenue growth | Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit. | H Finance | Pollet | | |
| HB 1785 | Excessive executive comp. | Imposing a surcharge on publicly traded companies providing excessive executive compensation. | H Finance | Doglio | | |
| HB 1995 | Tax preferences | Concerning tax preferences. | H Finance | Thomas | | |
| HB 2019 | Estate tax | Making the estate tax more progressive. | H Finance | Street | | |
| HB 2033 | Nicotine product taxation | Concerning the taxation of nicotine products. | H Finance | Stonier | | |

Resolution (Supports)

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| HB 1028 | Child exposure to violence | Addressing child exposure to violence. | S Human Services | Goodman | | |
| 2SHB 1273 | Dual credit program access | Improving student access to dual credit programs for CTE courses. | H 2nd Reading | Paul | | |
| SHB 1296 | Public education system | Promoting a safe and supportive public education system. | H 2nd Reading | Stonier | Concerns | Medium |
| HB 1475 (SB 5737) | National board bonuses | Suspending the national board for professional standards certification bonuses for certificated instructional staff. | H Approps | Gregerson | | |
| SHB 1489 | Childhood ed./impl. dates | Delays ECEAP entitlement from the 2026-27 school year to the 2030-31 school year. | H Rules R | Ormsby | | Monitoring |
| HB 1556 (SB 5542) | HS completers/CTC tuition | Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges. | S Higher Ed & Wor | Entenman | Support | |
| 2SHB 1587 | Partner promise scholarships | Encouraging local government partner promise scholarship programs within the opportunity scholarship program. | H Passed 3rd | Bergquist | Support | |

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| ESHB 1651 (SB 5693) | Teacher residency & apprent. | Concerning teacher residency and apprenticeship programs. | H Passed 3rd | Ortiz-Self | | |
| SHB 1817 (SB 5386) | Schools/sexual assault | Supporting survivors of sexual assault in public elementary and secondary schools. | H 2nd Reading | Scott | | |
| 2SHB 1834 (SSB 5708) | Online services/minors | Protecting Washington children online. | H 2nd Reading | Callan | | |
| ESSB 5105 (HB 1169) | Sexually explicit depictions | Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors. | H Community Safet | Orwall | | |
| SSB 5123 (HB 1855) | Discrimination in schools | Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools. | H Education | Nobles | Support | |
| ESSB 5181 | Parents rights in education | Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law. | H Education | Wilson | | Monitoring |
| SB 5189 | Competency-based education | Supporting the implementation of competency-based education. | H Education | Wellman | | |
| SSB 5282 | Missing children adv. board | Reestablishing the advisory board for the missing and exploited children task force. | H Community Safet | Wellman | | |
| 2SSB 5358 (HB 1280) | Career & tech. ed./6th grade | Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade. | H Approps | Braun | | |
| SB 5386 (SHB 1817) | Schools/sexual assault | Supporting survivors of sexual assault in public elementary and secondary schools. | S Rules 2 | Orwall | | |
| SB 5423 (ESHB 1483) | Digital electronics/repair | Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner. | S 2nd Reading | Stanford | Support | |
| SB 5542 (HB 1556) | HS completers/CTC tuition | Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges. | H Postsec Ed & Wk | Boehnke | Support | Low |
| SSB 5637 (HB 1963) | Media literacy & civic ed. | Promoting student access to information about media literacy and civic education. | S Rules 2 | Fortunato | | |
| SSB 5708 (2SHB 1834) | Online services/minors | Protecting Washington children online. | S Rules 2 | Frame | | |
| SB 5737 (HB 1475) | National board bonuses | Suspending the national board for professional standards certification | S Ways & Means | Robinson | | |

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| | | bonuses for certificated instructional staff. | | | | |
| SSB 5752 | Child care & early dev. | Modifying child care and early childhood development programs. | S Rules 2 | Wilson | | |
| SB 5785 | Higher education costs | Modifying students' share of the education costs at institutions of higher education. | S Ways & Means | Robinson | | |

Uncategorized Bills

No bills.