



CAPITOL REPORT: NEW HOME, NEW BILLS

Review of the first weeks of the 2018 session

We're at it again!

Welcome to the first Capitol Report of the 2018 legislative session, the second half of the 110th General Assembly. The legislature has a new home, and the first couple weeks have been spent mostly getting acquainted with the new surroundings and hearing budget presentations. This week was the bill filing deadline, so a clearer picture of what is in store for the legislative session will emerge once the hundreds of bills filed in the last couple days have been reviewed.

The latest issue of the Public School Advocate outlines some of TEA's legislative priorities, with specific bill numbers to be added in the upcoming issue. It is expected there will be some sort of voucher-type legislation, even though the Memphis pilot was pulled prior to the start of session. There will also be several attempts to dramatically expand the powers of the state board to suspend or revoke a teacher's license for a broad array of offenses, effectively removing the ability of a locally-elected school board to govern their workforce. Stay tuned for more info on the fights as they emerge.

For now, here are the bills of note that will be heard next week. Please note the new locations for hearings.

HHR= House hearing room; SHE=Senate Hearing Room. All hearing rooms are located on the first floor of the Cordell Hull Building.

Senate floor session- Monday, 2/5/18 5PM

- SB730/HB902 (Kumar/Gresham) - Requires teachers to prepare summer learning guides to be distributed prior to the end of school for all students grades K-8.

House Education I&P- House Hearing Room I- Tuesday, 2/6/18, Noon

- HB1549/SB1804 (Terry/Ketron) - Exempts teachers from the Praxis to get a TN license for teachers coming from other states that have eval scores of 4 or a 5 in their first two years.
- HB1569/SB1691 (Brooks, H, Lundberg) - Permits a waiver to extend class size in CTE statewide.
- HB1570/SB1664 (Brooks, H, Dickerson)- Prohibits a charter school from operating outside the boundaries of the LEA from which it was authorized,

requires a delay in opening if a building isn't secured within 60 days of the start of school

House Education A&P sub- HHR V- Tuesday, 2/6/18, 3PM

- HB1527/SB1624 (Parkinson/Gresham) - Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for unauthorized violations of a student's transcript.
- HB1720/SB1782 (Reedy/Crowe) - Reduced length of term of the chair of the State Board of Education from four years to two years.
- HB1675/SB1708 (Brooks, H/Jackson) - Makes changes to emergency drills.

House Finance sub- HHR III- Wednesday, 2/7/18, 10:30AM

- HB372/SB558 (Kane/Ketron) - Sets mandatory physical education periods twice a week totaling 60 minutes per week for all elementary school children.

House State Government sub- HHR IV- Wednesday, 2/7/18, 1:30PM

- HB1592/SB1647 (Sargent/Watson) - Creates pension stabilization reserves for state employees and teachers exclusively for use by participants and beneficiaries.

Senate Education- SHR I- Wednesday, 2/7/18, 3PM

- SB1782/HB1720 (Crowe/Reedy) - See above description under HB.
- SB250/HB67 (Gresham/Smith) - Requires LEAs to implement at least one alternative growth model for teachers in untested grades/subjects by the start of the 18-19 SY.
- SB1838/HB2205 (Gresham/Byrd) - Removes ability of a charter to make changes to an application on appeal to the SBE after being denied by an LEA.
- SB1626/HB1460 (Gresham/Smith) - Authorizes LEAs to establish recovery high schools.

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