

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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Deadline to have bills out of the house of origin is March 15. The following are pending bills, eligible to be heard, of interest to PLAC:

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HJR1050 by Scott Fetgatter – lowers the threshold for raising taxes from 75% to 2/3, or around 66%. It should go to the full house for a vote. Call Speaker McCall, Rep. Echols and Rep. Wallace to encourage them to hear this bill this week.

SB1086 by Senator Dave Rader – repeals the capital gains tax deduction, a cost to the state of over \$100 million each year, benefiting just 1 percent of households. This bill narrowly passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and is eligible to be heard on the Senate floor. Call you Senator to support this bill.

SB97 by Bergstrom – makes teachers whose family income is \$150,000 or less to access the OHLAP college scholarship for their children if they have taught for at least 5 years in Oklahoma. This will be heard on the Senate floor on 3/12/2017.

SB1020 by Greg McCortney – Modifies the date/age for school attendance to 5 by August 1 instead of September 1. This has been tabled.

SB1547 by Kim David – requires county assessor software to help with more equitable property assessments and the funding that comes from that.

HJR1048 sends to a vote of the people, a proposal to make the state school superintendent a governor-appointed position. Passed out of House Rules Committee. We really do not want this to happen.

HB3192 by Jeff Coody – armed school personnel – this bill would allow districts to develop policy that would arm teachers without any specialized training, simply a concealed carry permit would be needed. Currently, law allows this, but personnel must have CLEET training.

