



KEY LEGISLATION AFFECTING K-12 EDUCATION

Bill Number	Subject	WASB Position	Current Status	Desired WASB Member Advocacy Steps
Senate Bill 95 and Assembly Bill 130	Companion bills to provide mandate relief and additional flexibility for school boards and districts.	WASB helped initiate this legislation ; WASB <i>supports</i> both SB 95 and AB 130.	Both bills await floor action; however, AB 130 received some opposition in Assembly committee; Senate will go first and pass SB 95, then we need to persuade Assembly to pass Senate version.	Urge state Senators to <i>pass</i> SB 95; then, after SB 95 passes the Senate, urge state Representatives to take up and <i>pass</i> SB 95.
Senate Bill 49 and Assembly Bill 71	Companion bills to require DPI to take licensure action against teachers who have been dismissed for viewing or distributing pornography at work.	WASB initiated this legislation based on a resolution from last year's Delegate Assembly; WASB <i>supports</i> both SB 49 and AB 71.	Both bills received positive committee votes and await floor action;	Urge state Senators to <i>pass</i> SB 49; Urge state Representatives to <i>pass</i> AB 71.
Senate Bill 45 and Assembly Bill 62	Companion bills to simplify training requirements related to the administration of medication to pupils.	WASB helped initiate this legislation and <i>supports</i> both SB 45 and AB 62.	Both bills received positive committee votes and await floor action; WASB supports amending the bills to clarify that training should apply to administering medication through three types of feeding tubes.	Urge state Senators to adopt amendment on feeding tubes and then <i>pass</i> SB 45; Urge state Representatives to adopt amendment on feeding tubes and then <i>pass</i> AB 62.
Assembly Joint Resolution 46	Proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from passing any bill that places an unfunded mandate on school districts and local government units.	WASB <i>supports</i> AJR 46.	Proposed amendment (on first consideration) is still in committee.	Urge lawmakers to pass AJR 46.

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Senate Bill 22 and Assembly Bill 51	Companion bills to create an independent state agency, the Charter School Authorizing Board (CSAB), and authorize it to contract for the operation of independent charter schools anywhere in the state.	WASB opposes SB 22 and AB 51. (The WASB supports charter schools provided the school board is the sole chartering agency and supports maintaining a school board's final authority to approve charter school applications.)*	Both bills received positive votes in the Education committees after substitute amendments were adopted; both bills were referred to the Joint Finance Committee as the bill contains an appropriation (which also makes it subject to the governor's partial veto). WASB supports amending the bills to, among other things, allow the local school board to match the last, best offer of the CSAB.	Let lawmakers know the WASB/your board opposes the bills in their current form. Pass a board resolution opposing these bills and send it to your lawmakers. Urge lawmakers to amend these bills or kill them. Watch the eNews Legislative Update for information about potential amendments, talking points and other updates.
Senate Bill 2	Bill expands the open enrollment application window from three weeks to three months, creates and alternate application process with six specific criteria and one open-ended criterion.	WASB supports the Assembly version of SB 2; WASB opposes Senate version of SB 2, which allows open enrollment under alternate process with no involvement by resident district board.	Bill has passed both houses; however, was returned to Assembly after Senate nonconcurred in (rejected) Assembly Amendment 3. (Assembly Amendment 3 gives resident boards a say in whether to allow transfer.	Let lawmakers know the WASB/your board supports the Assembly version , which allows residents boards a voice in whether to allow transfer under the open-ended criterion in the alternate process.
Assembly Bill 110	Bill would create a special education voucher program to allow special needs students to attend private schools with public funding. Bill would apply statewide with no income limits and would not require private schools to provide special education services.	The WASB opposes AB 110. (The WASB opposes the use of federal and state tax monies to subsidize nonpublic schools or nonpublic students/parents through a voucher system, tuition tax credit or deduction or other similar arrangements.)*	Bill is still in Assembly Education Committee. Proponents (supporters) are expected to make a push to pass a revised version this fall.	Let lawmakers know the WASB/your board opposes the bill. Pass a board resolution opposing the bill and send it to your lawmakers. Urge lawmakers to kill the bill.

*Per Resolutions adopted by the WASB Delegate Assembly.