

SAM Legislative Tid Bits 1-18-19

Week 2 of the 2019 legislative session was one of great discussions on bill drafts important to education and also testimony supporting some of the first bills in committee. You can check out the details and the overview of the upcoming week 3 in the [SAMLN19 Legislative Update 3](#). You can review the status of the bill and the schedule for hearings for week 3 - [HERE](#). SAM's voice has been at the table on the important education issues as bills are being crafted - incentivizing Transformational Learning, incentivizing Recruitment and Retention, reworking of requests for CTE funding, and finalized a bill that allows loans for school facilities and major maintenance projects with debt payment paid through the Major Maintenance Subfund (now HB 247). These bills will be coming to hearing in the future.

As of 1-18-19, the list of bill draft requests has grown to 3178 with 412 bills introduced. SAM is currently following 240 bill drafts with 57 bills introduced - see [SAM Followed Bills 1-18-19](#). The note column on the bill list will give you an indication of the status of SAM's support, opposition, or monitoring of the bills based on our SAM Advocacy Priorities, Positions and Resolutions adopted by our membership at the SAM annual business meeting in October 2018.

The tools to follow all of this before and during the session are ready for all SAM members to view and use by clicking on [2019 Legislative Session](#) under the 'Advocacy' tab on the SAM website (www.sammt.org).