

SAM Legislative Tid Bits 1-4-19

This is the last of the Legislative Tid Bits reports and we will begin using the [SAM Legislative Update](#) webpage to reference our members to the happenings in the legislature.

The SAM Legislative Network (SAMLN19) is 90 SAM members from all affiliates collectively willing to assist with advocacy during the session. The webinar training for the SAMLN19 on Thursday January 3, from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. was attended by over 50 SAMLN19 members. All materials for that webinar meeting are uploaded to the [SAMLN19](#) webpage and is open to review of all SAM members. The recording for the webinar is available to you by clicking [HERE](#). We look forward to using our collective voice to make a difference in assisting our legislators' support of the issues important to the education of our children.

As of today, 1-4-19, the list of bill draft requests has grown to 3032 with 204 bills introduced. We are currently tracking 220 bill drafts with 18 bills introduced - see [SAM Followed Bills 1-4-19](#). 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. Check out the [SAMLN19 Update 1 1-3-19](#) and [Podcast](#) for information about the first week of the session. We continue our work on bill drafts that are action designation in our advocacy priorities, and we are working with the rest of the education partners to determine the strategies necessary to see our priorities through the session.

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).