

SAM Legislative Tid Bits 12-21-18

We are nearly ready to support our SAM advocacy priorities during the 2019 Legislative Session which begins on January 7, 2019. The SAM Legislative Network (SAMLN19) now has 88 SAM members from all affiliates preparing to assist with advocacy during the session. Note that a webinar training for the SAMLN19 members has been scheduled via UberConference for Thursday January 3, from 10:00 am to 12:00 n. 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.

The list of bill draft requests has grown to 2986 with 204 bills introduced. We are currently tracking 211 bill drafts with 17 bills introduced - see [SAM Followed Bills 12-19-18](#). I won't take the time here to go into detail, but rest assured we are working on bill drafts the are action designation in our advocacy priorities, and 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).