

# **SAM Legislative Tid Bits 3-22-19**

## **Highlights of Week 11 (Mar 18 – Mar 23)**

More than 50 school administrators gathered in Helena on Monday, March 18 to advocate for MT public education during the MT-PEC Day of Advocacy. Thank you to all who took the time to provide testimony, attend hearings, share your story with legislators, and build relationships that positively impact the students you serve. Review [SAMLN19 Legislative Update 11 3-15-19](#) and [Podcast Week 11](#) to find out about the week's activity. The [SAMLN19 Schedule Week 11 Mar 18-23 Revised 3-21-19](#) will give you a broad overview of the work on bills followed in week 11.

## **Upcoming Week 12 (March 25-30) Update**

[SAM Followed Bills 3-22-19](#) are up to 123 with 260 bill drafts being monitored. [SAM Followed Bills Priority Status 3-22-19](#) describes the status of bills under the SAM advocacy priorities – Support Adequate and Equitable School Funding (21 bills), Support Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators (5 bills), Oppose Privatization with Public Funds (0 bills), Support Facility and Technology Infrastructure (4 bills), Support School Based Mental Health Services (5 bills), and a new category of Other SAM Followed Bills (39 bills).

Please checkout [SAMLN19 Schedule Week 12 Mar 25-30 Revised 3-22-19](#) to see the schedule of bills and the status of the SAM's - support, opposition or monitoring - during the upcoming committee hearings.

Each of the links in this Update is on the [SAMLN19](#) webpage. We have produced the [SAMLN19 Legislative Update 12 Podcast 3-22-19](#), giving you the opportunity to listen to what is happening for your convenience. I hope this background is helpful to you as you share information with your colleagues in your area!

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