

## SAM Legislative Tid Bits 4-12-19

### Highlights of Week 14 (April 8 – April 13)

Check out the [SAMLN19 Legislative Update 14 4-5-19](#) and [Podcast 14 4-5-19](#) to find out about the week's activity. The [SAMLN19 Schedule Week 14 Apr 8-13 Revised 4-12-19](#) will give you a broad overview of the work on bills followed in week 14.

Week 14 was a very busy week for floor action in the House and Senate as the legislature is approaching the April 16 deadline for Transmittal of Amendments to Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills, and Bills Proposing Referenda (one of the last deadlines of the session). A day-by-day run down of actions on bills followed by SAM is included below.

By week's end these SAM Followed bills have passed the legislature and are headed to enrolling and then to the Governor's desk for signature...

- [HB 211 \(Jones\)](#) Address recruitment and retention of K-12 quality educators
- [HB 576 \(Bedey\)](#) Revise school finance laws related to gifts and endowments
- [SB 92 \(Salomon\)](#) **Generally revise laws related to school safety (3<sup>rd</sup> reading delayed 4/11)**
- [SB 35 \(Thomas\)](#) Generally revise school safety laws

[HB 2](#) Appropriations bill for all base funding has been returned to the House with Senate amendments (on 4/8/19) with no action in the House at this time. We are still monitoring the possibility of preschool being addressed by the legislature but nothing firm has materialized. Whatever is to happen will most likely reveal itself by the April 16 deadline.

### Upcoming Week 15 (April 15 – April 18)

[SAM Followed Bills 4-12-19](#) are up to 136 with 267 bill drafts being monitored. [SAM Followed Bills Priority Status 4-12-19](#) describes the status of bills under the SAM advocacy priorities – Support Adequate and Equitable School Funding (28 bills), Support Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators (5 bills), Oppose Privatization with Public Funds (1 bill), Support Facility and Technology Infrastructure (5 bills), Support School Based Mental Health Services (5 bills), and Other SAM Followed Bills (46 bills).

We expect the beginning of Week 15 to be very busy for floor action in the House and Senate as the legislature is approaching the April 16 deadline for Transmittal of Amendments to Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills, and Bills Proposing Referenda (one of the last deadlines of the session). The legislature has a planned break for Easter, April 19-22. Week 16 will start with Day 83 on Tuesday April 23.

Please checkout [SAMLN19 Schedule Week 15 Apr 15-18 Revised 4-12-19](#) to see the schedule of bills and the status of the SAM's - support, opposition or monitoring -

during the upcoming committee hearings. Very light schedule considering the upcoming April 16 deadline, most bills have been through the committee hearing process.

SAM will be keeping watch on Committees this week to determine how companion bills to HB 2 ([HB 662](#), [HB 663](#), [HB 664](#)) are handled and if preschool will manifest itself here and/or in other bills that could still add language and appropriation for consideration.

Each of the links in this Update are on the [SAMLN19](#) webpage. We have produced the [SAMLN19 Legislative Update 15 Podcast 4-12-19](#), 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!

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