

SAMLN19 Legislative Update 10: Week 10 (Mar 11 – 16) 3-8-19



Hi SAM Legislative Network 2019 (SAMLN19) Members!

Highlights of Week 9 (Mar 4 – Mar 9)

The legislators were on transmittal break March 4 – March 6, making Thursday, March 7th Day 46 of the 66th Legislative session. Review [SAMLN19 Legislative Update 9 3-6-19](#) and [Podcast Week 9](#) to find out about the week's activity.

Monday 3/04/19 – Wednesday 03/06/19 – Transmittal Break

Thursday 3/07/19

House Appropriations Committee

- Bill Hearing: [HB 2 \(Ballance\)](#) General Appropriations Act – Section E - Executive Budget for Program 6 (OPI) and Program 9 (School Funding). Testified in support of Program 9 but asked for consideration for funding of special education and the special ed coop formula adjustment, and preschool. Spoke in support of the budgets of the Board of Public Ed, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, the State Library, and the Montana Arts Council.

Friday 3/08/19

House Appropriations Committee

- Bill Hearing: [HB 2 \(Ballance\)](#) General Appropriations Act. Section E was completed on 3/7/19.

Senate Education Committee

Bill Hearings:

- [HB 211 \(Jones\)](#) Address recruitment and retention of K-12 quality educators – Support testimony for the quality educator loan repayment program
- [HB 212 \(Jones\)](#) Revise funding for community colleges - Monitor
- [SR 16 \(Salomon\)](#) Confirm Governor's appointees to the board of regents - Monitor

Saturday 3/09/19

Upcoming Week 10 (Mar 11 – Mar 16)

[SAM Followed Bills 3-8-19](#) are up to 117 with 258 bill drafts being monitored. [SAM Followed Bills Priority Status 3-8-19](#) 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 (33 bills).

Please checkout [SAMLN19 Schedule Week 10 Mar 11-16 Revised 3-6-19](#) to see the schedule of bills and the status of the SAM's - support, opposition or monitoring - during the upcoming committee hearings.

Monday 3/11/19

House Education Committee

- [SB 164 \(Thomas\)](#) Generally revise school safety laws - Monitor
- [SB 35 \(Thomas\)](#) Generally revise school safety laws - Support
- [SB 8 \(Regier\)](#) Generally revise laws related to participation in extracurricular activities – Monitor

House Judiciary Committee

- [HB 492 \(Vinton\)](#) Generally revise laws related to school bus safety – Support if assured that cameras not mandatory and there is a funding source

Tuesday 3/12/19

House Judiciary Committee

- [HB 477 \(Funk\)](#) Enact child access prevention and education laws - Support
- [HB 480 \(Dunwell\)](#) Revise gun laws to provide for safe gun storage - Support

Senate Judiciary Committee

- [HB 155 \(Knudsen\)](#) Generally revise Montana weapons laws – Monitor
- [HB 173 \(Morigeau\)](#) Revise consent laws for elementary or high school students in a school setting - Monitor

Wednesday 3/13/19

House Judiciary Committee

- [HB 640 \(Morigeau\)](#) Generally revise laws related to childhood sexual abuse - Monitor

Senate Judiciary Committee

- [HB 322 \(Fuller\)](#) Remove requirement to provide SSN on concealed weapons permit application - Monitor

Thursday 3/14/19

Friday 3/15/19

Senate Education Committee

- [SR 19 \(Salomon\)](#) Confirm Governor's appointees to board of public education – Support

Senate Judiciary Committee

- [HB 325 \(Regier\)](#) Generally revise firearm laws - Monitor
- [HB 357 \(Regier\)](#) Generally revise carry laws - Monitor

Saturday 3/16/19

Each of the links in this Update are on the [SAMLN19](#) webpage. We have produced the [SAMLN19 Legislative Update 10 Podcast 3-8-19](#), 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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Please use the SAM website (www.sammt.org) as a resource for all things legislative under 'Advocacy', then [2019 Legislative Session](#). All information for the SAMLN19 is posted on the [SAMLN19](#) webpage – including this first SAMLN Update.

General Information

Click on the items in [blue underline font](#) as they are links that will go directly to the item.

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For a copy of the bills, click on the bill number (e.g. [HB 1](#)) or go to [LAWS](#).

All Bills being followed by SAM can be found on the [SAM Bills 2019](#).

[Contact a Legislator](#) (not ready yet at the time of this writing) site is on the [2019 Legislature](#) webpage. You can use the [Online Message Form](#).

You may also [Watch or Listen](#) to live and upcoming meeting and hearings. Just click on the meeting or hearing that is on the schedule.

[2019 SAM Legislative Session](#) webpage.

[SAMLN19 Rules of Conduct for Political Activity and Advocacy](#).

[SAMLN19 Effective Advocacy PowerPoint](#).

[SAMLN19 'How to Provide Testimony on a Bill' Video](#).

[SAMLN19 Community Forum](#).

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