

# SAMLN19 Legislative Update 3: Week 3 (Jan 21-25) 1-18-19



Greetings SAM Legislative Network 2019 (SAMLN19) Members!

## Highlights of Week 2 (Jan 14-18)

The activity of putting together bills to move from draft requests to bill form was very active during the second week of the session. SAM has participated in the discussions of bill language incentivizing Transformational Learning, incentivizing Recruitment and Retention, rework of requests for CTE funding, and finalized a bill that allows loans for school facilities and major maintenance projects with debt payment paid through the Major Maintenance Subfund (now HB 247). You can expect to see each of these efforts come forward as bills in the coming weeks.

You can review [SAMLN19 Schedule Week 2 Jan 14-18 Revised 1-11-19](#) for details of the testimony and actions of SAM during week 2. Testimony was given to represent SAM's support for – HB 61, HB 159, and HB 191 in the House Education Committee. In the Senate Education Committee testimony was given to represent SAM's support of – SB 11, SB 12, SB 16, all clean up bills from the Education Interim Committee, and SB 159 (inflation applied to most components of the funding formula). Senate Education Committee to executive action on SB 11, SB 12, and SB 16 sending them to the Senate floor with Do Pass recommendation.

## Upcoming Week 3 (Jan 21-25)

[SAM Followed Bills](#) now are up to 57 with 240 bill drafts being monitored. Please checkout [SAMLN19 Schedule Week 3 Jan 21-25 Revised 1-18-19](#) to see the schedule of bills and the status of the SAM's - support, opposition or monitoring - during the upcoming committee hearings. Take note that on Wednesday, Jan 23, at 3:00 pm, the House Education Committee will hold the hearing on HB 27 (Revise special education funding to include placing it in the formula, applying inflation and making the sp ed coop adjustment). This is a SAM priority action bill and so expect a call to action early next week on HB 27.

Section E K-12 scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 24.

Please use the SAM website ([www.sammt.org](http://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.

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](#) (not ready yet at the time of this writing).

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](#).

[Legislator Contact Info by School District](#)

Each of the links in this Update are on the [SAMLN19](#) webpage. We will also produce a SAMLN19 Update 3 Podcast, 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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