

SAM Legislative Update – Transmittal Break 3-3-17



Hi SAM Members!

Click [SAM General Bills](#) on the 2017 Legislative Session/SAM Bills 2017 webpage to review all of the bills and drafts and to see the stance of SAM (Proponent, Opponent, or Monitor) being taken on the bills that were heard in Committees in the past, and some that are alive into the future. Again, we have also created SAM Bill lists around the Advocacy Priorities of SAM. Under the SAM Bills 2017 webpage you can review [SAM School Funding Bills](#), [SAM Privatization with Public Fund Bills](#), [SAM Recruitment & Retention Bills](#), [SAM Special Ed Funding Bills](#), and [SAM Facility and Technology Infrastructure Bills](#) with status update of each bill updated ongoing. At the transmittal point of the Session we (Pat and I) have provided testimony 51 times on bills that are progressing through the process.







As the legislature is officially at the half-way point of the session, we would like to provide you with the following update on bills that did make the transmittal deadline and those bills that did not:

EDUCATION BILLS THAT DID MAKE THE TRANSMITTAL DEADLINE:







Bill Type-Number	LC Number	Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title
HB 38	LC0473	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources	03/10/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 303	Revise allowable harvest volume for certain state land timber harvest
HB 71	LC1029	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	02/13/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 317	Require certain licensed health professionals be trained in suicide prevention
HB 83	LC0030	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Administration	01/30/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 335	Generally revise election laws
HB 103	LC0344	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Administration	02/08/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 335	Generally revise election laws - administrative cleanup
HB 298	LC2387	Edward Greef (R) HD 88	(H) Transmitted to Senate	03/01/2017	Emphasize sexual abuse awareness and prevention in elementary schools
HB 323	LC1419	Gordon Pierson (D) HD 78	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	02/21/2017	Authorize emergency use of opioid antagonist in a school setting
HB 355	LC2192	Ray L Shaw (R) HD 71	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways and Transportation	03/07/2017; 2:30 PM, Rm 405	Revise laws related to school district transportation
HB 370	LC1179	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	03/09/2017; 9:00 AM, Rm 303	Revise laws regarding the recording of public meetings
HB 376	LC2376	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) HD 32	(H) Transmitted to Senate	02/27/2017	Establish public charter schools
HB 381	LC2028	Dennis R Lenz (R) HD 53	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources	02/23/2017	Require school districts to address suicide prevention and response
HB 487	LC0167	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(H) Transmitted to Senate	03/01/2017	Revise youth athlete protection laws
HB 514	LC2359	Bridget Smith (D) HD 31	(H) Transmitted to Senate	03/01/2017	Rename school commemoration of Columbus Day to Montana Heritage Day
SB 17	LC0276	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary	01/18/2017	Revise laws related to juvenile offenders and registration as sex offender

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SB 27  	LC0413	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation	02/09/2017; 8:00 AM, Rm 152	Amend TIF laws related to public hearings and reporting
SB 96  	LC0059	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services	03/08/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 152	Right to shop act for health care services
SB 99  	LC0322	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary	02/24/2017	Prohibit enforcement of new federal gun laws by Montana public employees
SB 103  	LC0362	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	01/31/2017	Clarify education laws related to minimum aggregate hours and proficiency
SB 121  	LC0056	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	03/10/2017; 9:00 AM, Rm 455	Provide that volunteer positions are not reportable to TRS
SB 124  	LC0917	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) SD 38	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	02/03/2017	Extend school district bond term
SB 135  	LC1606	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) SD 38	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	02/09/2017	Generally revise laws related to first aid training in schools
SB 139  	LC0496	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	02/18/2017	Revise k-12 school district expansion laws
SB 140  	LC1211	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(H) Hearing -- (H) Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations	02/17/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 472	Allow low-interest coal tax trust fund loans to certain local governments
SB 143  	LC1111	Mike Lang (R) SD 17	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	03/10/2017; 9:00 AM, Rm 455	Revise retiree return to work provisions in the teachers' retirement system
SB 163  	LC1400	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration	02/22/2017	Revise election judge qualifications
SB 199  	LC0253	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services	03/13/2017; 3:00 PM, Rm 152	Require coverage of habilitative services under the Healthy Montana Kids Plan
SB 226  	LC0548	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	02/24/2017	Generally revise summer school bus transportation laws
SB 227  	LC2159	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	02/24/2017	Revise state school transportation reimbursement laws
SB 234  	LC2525	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	02/25/2017	Expedite teacher licensure for military spouses
SB 307  	LC0363	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	02/25/2017	Revise K-12 school funding laws to address facilities

EDUCATION BILLS THAT DID NOT MAKE THE TRANSMITTAL DEADLINE:

Bill Type-Number	LC Number	Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title
HB 178  	LC0161	Jean Price (D) HD 24	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Provide ANB funding for 19 year olds
HB 192  	LC0162	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Raise legal dropout age to 18 or upon graduation
HB 210  	LC2226	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Revise liquor laws to clarify distance requirements with respect to schools



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HB 250  	LC2381	Bruce Grubbs (R) HD 68	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Require county and school district approval for adoption of TIF provision
HB 253  	LC0166	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Inflationary increase for special education allowable cost of payment
HB 269  	LC1879	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Require natural gas utilities to provide customer choice
HB 274  	LC0164	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Allow ANB funding for students with disabilities up to age 22
HB 292  	LC2401	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Revise school funding laws related to inflation and 6th grade per-ANB amount
HB 375  	LC0711	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Provide state funding for tribally controlled schools
HB 382  	LC2247	Dennis R Lenz (R) HD 53	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Generally revise mental health education for teachers
HB 385  	LC0354	Seth Berglee (R) HD 58	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Provide for the Montana school safety act
HB 420  	LC1798	Bradley Hamlett (D) HD 23	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Revise allocation of oil and gas revenue for oil and natural gas impact projects
HB 436  	LC1772	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration	02/24/2017	Require voter approval for employer contribution increases in retirement systems
HB 446  	LC2393	Jacob Bachmeier (D) HD 28	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Revise comprehensive school and community treatment services
HB 490  	LC2416	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Exempt certain sports coaches from unemployment, workers' comp exemption
HB 499  	LC1770	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Require actuarial report using alternative assumption for investment earnings
HB 512  	LC2537	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Require orange flag for bicycles
HB 553  	LC1142	Amanda Curtis (D) HD 74	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Revise laws related to press publication of certain photographs
HJ 4  	LC1137	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*	02/08/2017	Interim study on the coal trust fund
SB 14  	LC0306	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Expand eligibility for Indian language immersion program funding
SB 69  	LC0302	Mary Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	01/18/2017	Create task force to study public employee health benefits
SB 130  	LC1012	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Revise tax increment finance laws
SB 256  	LC0836	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Revise school district election laws
SB 263  	LC0969	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Revise laws on public retirement system investments
SB 290  	LC2341	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Generally revise school transportation laws
SJ 12  	LC2244	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Resolution for selection and instruction of commissioners for Art. V convention

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SJ14  	LC2200	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/2017	Legislative resolution directing congress to call article 5 amendment convention
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This is what we know for next week (Week 10) when the Legislators return from transmittal break:

- The Senate will be back on Monday, March 6 by 5:00 pm with some possible floor action but no committee hearings scheduled for the day. Tuesday; no education bills are scheduled for hearing in Senate committees.
- The House will return on Tuesday, March 7 at 1:00 pm. The House Appropriations Committee will be meeting that day at 3:00 pm to hold hearings on HB2 Sections A, C and D (Education is Section E).
- Both the House and the Senate will be in full swing starting on Wednesday, March 8.

REMINDER – Day of Advocacy is coming on Monday March 13, 2017! Here is the schedule:

8:30-8:35 am	Welcome, MT-PEC Leaders, Best Western Premier Great Northern Hotel, 835 Gt. Northern Blvd.
8:35-9:50 am	Ralph Martire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability
10:00-11:00 am	Legislative Preview - an update from the Leaders of MT-PEC
11:30-1:00 pm	Lunch with Legislators in the Capitol Rotunda
1:00-3:00 pm	Floor Sessions (House and Senate)
1:45 pm	Meet with Governor Bullock (Confirmed) in Capitol Room 303
2:15 pm	Meet with State Superintendent Arntzen (Confirmed) in Capitol Room 303
3:00-5:00 pm	Committee Hearings (Senate and House)
6:00-8:00 pm	Reception with Legislators, MTSBA 4th Floor, 863 Great Northern Blvd.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate in contacting us. We appreciate all of you!

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