

WSCA Legislative Report

Friday (2/7) was the policy committee cutoff of the 2020 Legislative Session, and the fiscal committee deadline is this upcoming Tuesday (2/11). The House Appropriations Committee met for nearly 12 hours on Saturday, hearing nearly 50 bills and passing more than two dozen. Senate Ways & Means has scheduled 60 bills for executive action on the Tuesday deadline, and the House Finance and Appropriations Committees will be hearing and passing many bills in the next few days.

On Wednesday, School Counselors Jenny Morgan and Regina Brown came to Olympia to testify in the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee, to support SB 6480. SB 6480, sponsored by Sen. Mark Mullet (D-Issaquah), would require school districts to develop and implement comprehensive school counseling programs based on the ASCA model, and would maximize the time school counselors spend counseling kids. The hearing on SB 6480 coincided with [an article](#) in Seattle Times about the role of school counselors and the need for consistent services across school districts. SB 6480 was voted out of the Senate Committee on Friday, by a vote of 7-4. It is now in the Senate Rules Committee.

The Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee also heard SB 6615 last week, but the bill did not advance. This bill includes the recommendations from the Staffing Enrichment Work Group, and proposes to adjust the prototypical school model. It would phase in reduced class sizes, increase minimum allocation amounts for staff, and provide funding for professional learning days for all state-funded school staff.

Upcoming Events

Education (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/13 @ 8:00am

- 2ESSB 5389 - Public Hearing - Establishing a telehealth training and treatment program to assist youth.

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
HB 1925 Adverse childhood exps. Informing new parents about adverse childhood experiences.	H Approps	Dolan
SHB 2411 Suicide prevention/providers Preventing suicide.	H Rules R	Orwall
HB 2562 Telehealth services/schools (Dead) Providing telehealth services to schools.	H HC/Wellness	Stonier

<u>HB</u> <u>2563</u> (Dead)	Suicide alert & response sys Enhancing Washington's suicide alert and response system.	H HC/Wellness	Orwall
<u>HB</u> <u>2631</u> (Dead)	Family engagement framework Creating a family engagement framework.	H Education	Ortiz-Self
<u>SHB</u> <u>2637</u>	School library info. & tech. Expanding school library information and technology programs.	H Approps	Pettigrew
<u>SHB</u> <u>2643</u>	Educator recertification Concerning educator recertification requirements regarding youth suicide screening, referral, and safety planning.	H Rules R	Callan
<u>HB</u> <u>2699</u> (Dead)	School counseling programs Developing comprehensive school counseling programs.	H Education	Stonier
<u>HB</u> <u>2704</u>	Sexual assault counseling Establishing a competitive grant program for community sexual assault programs to provide counseling services in schools.	H Rules R	Caldier
<u>HB</u> <u>2708</u> (Dead)	School-based health centers Establishing a work group on school-based health centers.	H Education	Stonier
<u>HB</u> <u>2717</u> (Dead)	Learning assistance program Allowing the learning assistance program to support school-wide behavioral health system of supports and interventions.	H Education	Ortiz-Self
<u>HB</u> <u>2719</u>	K-3 class size funding use Concerning the use of K-3 class size funding for student supports.	H Approps	Callan
<u>HB</u> <u>2728</u>	Funding model/telehealth Implementing a sustainable funding model for the services provided through the children's mental health services consultation program and the telebehavioral health video call center.	H Approps	Slatter
<u>SHB</u> <u>2737</u>	Child. mental health wk grp Updating the children's mental health work group.	H Approps	Callan

<u>SB</u> <u>2816</u>	School & classroom climates Nurturing positive social and emotional school and classroom climates.	H Rules R	Corry
<u>SB</u> <u>2864</u>	Running start summer pilot Establishing a running start summer school pilot program.	H Approps	Paul
<u>HB</u> <u>2897</u>	School staff funding Concerning staff funding for school districts.	H Approps	Sullivan
<u>2ESSB</u> <u>5389</u>	Telehealth program/youth Establishing a telehealth training and treatment program to assist youth.	H Education	Becker
<u>SB</u> <u>6132</u> <u>(HB</u> <u>2717)</u>	Learning assistance program Allowing the learning assistance program to support school-wide behavioral health system of supports and interventions.	S Rules 2	Wellman
<u>SSB</u> <u>6191</u>	Adverse childhood experience Assessing the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences in middle and high school students to inform decision making and improve services.	S Rules 2	Braun
<u>SSB</u> <u>6371</u>	School library info. & tech. Expanding school library information and technology programs.	S Ways & Means	Hunt
<u>SB</u> <u>6416</u>	Telehealth services/schools Providing telehealth services to schools.	S Ways & Means	Cleveland
<u>SB</u> <u>6480</u>	School counseling programs Developing comprehensive school counseling programs.	S Rules 2	Mullet
<u>SB</u> <u>6563</u>	School-based health centers Creating statutory authorization for school-based health centers.	S Rules 2	Conway
<u>SB</u> <u>6588</u> <u>(Dead)</u>	Child. mental health wk grp Updating the children's mental health work group.	S Behavioral Hea	Darneille
<u>SB</u> <u>6615</u> <u>(Dead)</u>	School staff funding Concerning staff funding for school districts.	S EL/K-12	Wellman

