

# WSCA Legislative Report

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March 6<sup>th</sup> (Week 8)

The penultimate deadline of the 2022 legislative session occurred last Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, when all bills from the opposite chamber had to be passed by 5 p.m. The Legislature plans to adjourn Sine Die on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> which means only four days remain for the House and Senate to resolve differences on a number of policy bills and the supplemental budgets.

2SHB 1664, legislation to change the prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools, passed out of the Senate late Thursday night with a 45-2 vote. Several members stood up on the Senate floor and spoke in favor of the bill, including the Chairs and Ranking members of the Education and Budget Committees, and Senate Minority Leader John Braun. Since the bill is funded in both the House and Senate supplemental budget proposals, it is highly likely the House will concur with the Senate amendments and send the bill to the Governor's desk.

## ***Capital Gains Tax***

On March 1, Douglas County Superior Court Judge Brian Huber ruled the capital gains tax initiated by SB 5096 of 2021 unconstitutional. Proponents of the capital gains tax have stated that the ruling at this level was anticipated and is the first step in a long legal journey that will eventually end up at the Washington Supreme Court. Attorney General Bob Ferguson immediately [signaled](#) the state's plan to appeal. [Crosscut ran a helpful piece](#) summarizing the key issues. It is not expected to have a major impact on the supplemental budget negotiations in the final days of this session.

## ***COVID-19 Updates***

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Jay Inslee announced Washington will be lifting most requirements of the mask mandate on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, which is an earlier date than originally stated. The [announcement](#) was coordinated and jointly announced with Oregon Governor Kate Brown and California Governor Gavin Newsom. Masks will still be required in certain settings including health care, corrections facilities, and long-term care facilities. The new state policies do not change federal requirements, which still include masks on public transit. The Washington State Department of Health will be issuing new guidance for K-12 schools this week so schools can prepare to implement updated safety protocols.

The House of Representatives adopted new COVID-19 rules. Members are not required to prove they have been vaccinated to participate in person on the House floor. Also, the number of lawmakers allowed on the floor is going up, from 27 to 45. This will allow 26 Democrats and 19 Republicans, per the House Clerk. This means floor debates in the final days will seem closer to normal, though lawmakers must still wear masks when speaking.

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**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

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| <a href="#"><u>E2SHB 1162</u></a>          | <b>High school graduation</b><br>Concerning high school graduation credit and pathway options.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Stonier    |
| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1590 (SSB 5563)</u></a> | <b>Enrollment stabilization</b><br>Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.  | S Passed 3rd | Dolan      |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1601</u></a>             | <b>Student homelessness pilot</b><br>Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.  | <b>Dead</b>  | Leavitt    |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1611</u></a>             | <b>Highly capable students</b><br>Advancing equity in programs for highly capable students.  | <b>Dead</b>  | Dolan      |
| <a href="#"><u>2SHB 1664</u></a>           | <b>Schools/support funding</b><br>Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.  | S Passed 3rd | Rule       |
| <a href="#"><u>ESHB 1699</u></a>           | <b>Work in retirement/schools</b><br>Permitting individuals retired from the public employees retirement system, the teachers retirement system, and the school employees retirement system additional opportunities to work for a school district for up to 1,040 hours per school year while in receipt of pension benefits until July 1, 2025.  | <b>Dead</b>  | Bergquist  |
| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1746</u></a>            | <b>Students/COVID-19 pandemic</b><br>Updating the 2015 report and recommendations for supporting student success through measuring and mitigating community risk and protective predictors since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Ortiz-Self |
| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1759</u></a>            | <b>School websites/drug info.</b><br>Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and firearms and ammunition, available through their websites and other communication resources. | <b>Dead</b>  | Callan     |
| <a href="#"><u>E2SHB 1760</u></a>          | <b>Dual credit program access</b><br>Expanding access to dual credit programs.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Paul       |
| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1791</u></a>            | <b>Prof. educator reprimands</b><br>Concerning reprimands for professional educators.  | <b>Dead</b>  | Harris     |
| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1800</u></a>            | <b>Behavioral health/minors</b><br>Increasing access to behavioral health services for minors.   | S Passed 3rd | Eslick     |

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| <a href="#"><u>HB 1805</u></a><br>(SB 5797)                | <b>Opportunity scholarship prog</b><br>Concerning the opportunity scholarship program.   | S Passed 3rd  | Paul     |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1834</u></a>                             | <b>Student absences/mental hlth</b><br>Concerning student excused absences for mental health reasons.  | S Pres Signed | Callan   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1836</u></a>                             | <b>Scholarships/disadv. groups</b><br>Awarding academic scholarships to members of underprivileged or disadvantaged groups.  | <b>Dead</b>   | Shewmake |
| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1867</u></a>                            | <b>Dual credit program data</b><br>Concerning dual credit program data.  | S Passed 3rd  | Paul     |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1883</u></a>                             | <b>Youth lifeline</b><br>Establishing a lifeline for youth and young adults who have experienced or are at risk of entering into public systems of care.                               | <b>Dead</b>   | Chopp    |
| <a href="#"><u>2SHB</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>1890</u></a> | <b>Children behavioral health</b><br>Concerning the children and youth behavioral health work group.   | S Passed 3rd  | Callan   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1900</u></a>                             | <b>Schools/discrimination, etc.</b><br>Improving school districts' responses to complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying.                                  | <b>Dead</b>   | Senn     |
| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1941</u></a>                            | <b>Active shooter drills</b><br>Prohibiting active shooter scenarios for school safety-related drills.   | S Passed 3rd  | Walen    |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1985</u></a><br>(2SSB<br>5595)           | <b>Schools/support funding</b><br>Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.  | <b>Dead</b>   | Dolan    |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 2000</u></a>                             | <b>OSPI basic education funds</b><br>Clarifying the duty of the superintendent of public instruction to distribute federal and state basic education funds.                            | <b>Dead</b>   | Rule     |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 2011</u></a>                             | <b>Skill center funding</b><br>Funding for skill center students for classes in sending school districts with less than 3,000 students and significant participation in skill centers. | <b>Dead</b>   | Rule     |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 2014</u></a><br>(SB 5905)                | <b>Outdoor school</b><br>Establishing the outdoor school for all program.  | <b>Dead</b>   | Rule     |

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| <a href="#"><u>HB 2041</u></a>             | <b>Health care for minors</b><br>Concerning greater consistency in the provision of health care services for minors under the age of 16.                              | <b>Dead</b>  | Walsh    |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 2053</u></a>             | <b>Behavioral health work group</b><br>Creating a behavioral health work group to study the root causes of rising behavioral health issues in Washington communities. | <b>Dead</b>  | Dent     |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 2056</u></a>             | <b>K-12 instructional materials</b><br>Promoting academic transparency in public schools.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Steele   |
| <a href="#"><u>2SHB 2078 (SB 5925)</u></a> | <b>Outdoor learning grant prg.</b><br>Establishing the outdoor school for all program.  | S Passed 3rd | Rule     |
| <a href="#"><u>HJR 4200 (Dead)</u></a>     | <b>School district bonds</b><br>Amending the Constitution to allow a simple majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.                             | <b>Dead</b>  | Stonier  |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5043 (Dead)</u></a>      | <b>School employee housing</b><br>Providing housing to school district employees.   | S Rules X    | Salomon  |
| <a href="#"><u>2SSB 5147 (Dead)</u></a>    | <b>Learning stabilization, etc.</b><br>Exploring alternative school calendars.  | S Rules X    | Hawkins  |
| <a href="#"><u>2SSB 5327</u></a>           | <b>Youth safety tip line</b><br>Creating a confidential youth safety and well-being tip line.   | S Rules X    | Brown    |
| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5376</u></a>            | <b>Education ombuds awareness</b><br>Promoting awareness of the governor's office of the education ombuds.  | H Passed 3rd | Wilson   |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5536</u></a>             | <b>Collaborative school govern.</b><br>Establishing a collaborative school-based governance model.  | <b>Dead</b>  | Hasegawa |
| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5537</u></a>            | <b>Compulsory school attendance</b><br>Changing compulsory school attendance requirements for children five, six, and seven years of age.                             | <b>Dead</b>  | Wellman  |
| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5553</u></a>            | <b>Early STEM metrics</b><br>Providing data regarding early STEM metrics in the STEM education report card.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Wilson   |
|  | <b>Enrollment stabilization</b>   | S Rules X    | Wellman  |

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| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5563</u></a><br>(SHB 1590) | Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.  |               |          |
| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5594</u></a>               | <b>Bone marrow donation aware.</b><br>Concerning public school instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation.  | <b>Dead</b>   | Short    |
| <a href="#"><u>2SSB 5595</u></a><br>(HB 1985) | <b>Schools/support funding</b><br>Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.   | S Rules X     | Wellman  |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5596</u></a>                | <b>Health info. disclosure</b><br>Conforming disclosure restrictions for mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers to the requirements of the Uniform Health Care Information Act. | <b>Dead</b>   | Trudeau  |
| <a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5600</u></a>             | <b>Apprenticeship programs</b><br>Concerning the sustainability and expansion of state registered apprenticeship programs.  | H Passed 3rd  | Keiser   |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5601</u></a><br>(HB 1986)   | <b>School district boards</b><br>Empowering school district boards of directors.  | S EL/K-12     | Short    |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5630</u></a>                | <b>Early learning/basic ed.</b><br>Expanding the statutory program of basic education to include the basic education program of early learning.   | S EL/K-12     | Hasegawa |
| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5638</u></a>               | <b>Mental health prof. licenses</b><br>Concerning expediting approval for applicants for an associate license as a social worker, mental health counselor, or marriage and family therapist.                          | <b>Dead</b>   | Wagoner  |
| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5644</u></a>               | <b>Behavioral health coresponse</b><br>Concerning providing quality behavioral health co-response services  | H Passed 3rd  | Wagoner  |
| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5719</u></a>               | <b>Dual credit costs</b><br>Concerning dual credit costs.   | <b>S Dead</b> | Mullet   |
| <a href="#"><u>2SSB 5720</u></a>              | <b>Student financial literacy</b><br>Providing student financial literacy education.  | H Passed 3rd  | Mullet   |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5735</u></a>                | <b>Async. instructional hours</b><br>Counting asynchronous instructional hours towards those required by the instructional program of basic education.  | <b>Dead</b>   | Dhingra  |

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| <a href="#"><u>SB 5777</u></a>                | <b>COVID-19 vaccine/children</b><br>Addressing the vaccination for COVID-19 requirement for children attending schools or day care centers.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Braun   |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5820</u></a>                | <b>Superintendent, appointing</b><br>Appointing the superintendent of public instruction.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Carlyle |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5854</u></a>                | <b>Faculty duties/ethics</b><br>Concerning ethical performance of faculty duties.   | H Passed 3rd | Randall |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5858</u></a>                | <b>Education/parent rights</b><br>Establishing parents' bill of rights related to their child's public education.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Dozier  |
| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5883</u></a>               | <b>Homeless youth/health care</b><br>Concerning an unaccompanied homeless youth's ability to provide informed consent for that minor patient's own health care, including nonemergency, outpatient, and primary care services, including physical examinations, vision examinations and eyeglasses, dental examinations, hearing examinations and hearing aids, immunizations, treatments for illnesses and conditions, and routine follow-up care customarily provided by a health care provider in an outpatient setting, excluding elective surgeries. | H Passed 3rd | Trudeau |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5902</u></a>                | <b>High school grad. credits</b><br>Concerning the implementation of high school graduation credit requirements.  | <b>Dead</b>  | Wellman |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5905</u></a><br>(HB 2014)   | <b>Outdoor school</b><br>Establishing the outdoor school for all program.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Hunt    |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5922</u></a>                | <b>K-12 education funding</b><br>Concerning K-12 education funding.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Braun   |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5925</u></a><br>(2SHB 2078) | <b>Outdoor school</b><br>Establishing the outdoor school for all program.   | <b>Dead</b>  | Hunt    |