

## **WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education**

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### **Week 11 in Review:**

**UPDATE:** [HB 1162](#) - [Concerning high school graduation credit and pathway options](#)

The bill failed to clear committee before cutoff on March 26. This might be the last we hear of this bill this session, but the intentions of the bill may show up in another bill(s).

**BUDGET:** Both Senate and House Operating budgets were heard in committee this week and weekend. Both did not include the CTSO funding we have requested, but during testimony Sen Rolfes stated that there is an amendment from Sen. Keiser returning the language from last year's supplemental budget bill. So, fingers crossed for the Senate Budget. The House budget bill still does not include the CTSO increase.

**Prototypical Funding Formula:** At this point there are no significant changes other than inflation factors to CTE funding within the budgets. So base funding will remain essentially the same.

**Senate Ways and Means:** Monday's executive session for [5092](#) had two amendments of great interest to CTE.

- Sen. Schoesler has submitted amending language to return the CTSO funding as passed in last year's supplemental budget. **PASSED**
- Sen. Wellman has submitted an amendment which provides a one-time payment of \$1,500 per pupil to skill centers in fiscal year 2022. Removes skill center enrollment from the relief per pupil calculation for school districts. **PASSED**

### **THE WEEK AHEAD:**

This week will be focused on how things work out in each of the fiscal committees (Ways & Means and Appropriations). Stay tuned for an email update as we know more this week. Key dates to pay attention to are: April 2 to move bill in the opposite chamber committee and read them into the record on the floor from the fiscal committees and April 11 is the last day to pass opposite house/chamber bills from the floor, except final budgets and matters necessary to implement budget (NTIB). And, finally, the last day of session is April 25.

## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE | BILL STATUS REPORT

*Click the link below for the current report listing all bills we are currently tracking and their current status:*

### **[BILL STATUS & UPCOMING EVENTS REPORT](#)**

Join us on Wednesday afternoons where we discuss upcoming bills at our weekly Open Leg Zoom at 4:30 PM. Reach out to me if you would like to have the information to join in the meeting.

### **HOW TO ADVOCATE and ENGAGE:**

- [Bill Information](#) - find bill language and information here.
- [Committee Calendars and Agendas](#) - find out when committees meet and what is on their agenda.
- [Sign-Up to testify](#) - share your thoughts/suggestions by declaring your intention to testify no less than an hour before the hearing begins.
  - Prepare - Remote testimony is limited to two minutes in most cases, but be prepared to shorten to one minute if time slots get shortened.
- [Written Testimony](#) - Send committee members formal written testimony or other comments up to 24-hours **after** the start of a hearing.
- [Follow Along](#) - All committee hearings are live and archived on TVW.
  - [Senate Channel](#)
  - [House Channel](#)

### **A Word of Caution for Working in This Process:**

The WOVE Legislative Newsletter is for your information, education, and outreach.

Here are some simple guidelines in how you should properly use this information going forward. In a “virtual” world where many are working from home with school/public provided equipment it will be very important to pay attention to what is allowed when and how as we deal with this new process of advocacy.

- You may pass this information along to your home email and/or share with your administration.
- As a public employee using public resources (time, equipment, and servers) you may not engage in what can be considered “lobbying.” This means you should not during the school/contract day use school phones, computers, equipment, school email, and any use of public servers with your personal email to make direct contact to lobby any legislative member, this includes their staff or any member of the public that you are directing to vote in a certain way or take on any lobbying action. Lobbying is generally described as a direct ask for action in the political and/or legislative process at any level (local/state/nation).

So, if you choose to be personally or professionally involved in the political process you need to do so on your own time, outside the contract day, and with your own resources and personally owned equipment.

<b>2021 CUTOFF CALENDAR</b>	
<b>April 2</b>	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
<b>April 11*</b>	Last day to consider (pass) opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
<b>April 25</b>	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.
* After 5:00 p.m. on the 91st day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.	

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