



 The Alabama Legislature convened Tuesday, March 21st, for the second day of the regular session. The legislature met three days this week, both in chamber and in committees. After the conclusion of the special session last Thursday, the legislators were excited to resume the regular session this week and work on matters of importance to them. Their enthusiasm was evident by the volume of legislation introduced – over 150 bills! AEA has been busy reviewing each of these in recent days and ensuring they are in the best interest of public education.


Moving This Week


 **SB46**, by **Sen. Arthur Orr and Sen. Donnie Chesteen**, would create the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact to allow licensed teachers to practice among compact states. The bill would also establish the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission and provide for the commission's membership, powers, duties, and rulemaking functions. SB46 received a favorable report in the Senate Education Policy meeting and can now be introduced on the Senate floor at any time.

 **SB52**, by **Sen. Arthur Orr**, would amend Alabama Safe at Schools Act to include adrenal insufficiency as a condition for which the State Board of Education is required to develop guidelines to train school employees under the act. It would also authorize certain school employees to administer injectable medications to students with adrenal insufficiency and to require local boards of education to ensure that students with adrenal insufficiency have their medical needs met and are not excluded from certain activities. SB52 received a favorable report in the Senate Education Policy meeting Tuesday and passed the full body of the Senate Thursday. It will now be eligible to be brought up in house committee.


 **[SB56](#)**, by **Sen. Arthur Orr**, would require local boards of education to install, maintain, and operate video cameras in certain self-contained classrooms providing protections for the use of video recordings. SB56 received a favorable report in the Senate Education Policy meeting Tuesday and passed the full body of the Senate Thursday. It will now be eligible to be brought up in house committee.


 **[HB41](#)**, by **Rep. Rex Reynolds**, would temporarily revise the allowance a retiree may earn from \$30,000 plus Consumer Price Index adjustments after 2017 to \$52,000 for performing duties with an employer participating in the system. HB41 received a favorable report in the House Ways & Means General Fund meeting and can now be introduced on the House floor at any time.


 **[HB73](#)**, by **Rep. Danny Garrett**, would require each local board of education and public charter school to create and adopt an intradistrict enrollment policy and an interdistrict enrollment policy addressing open enrollment; and to require the policies, and any amendments, to be posted on the website of the local education agency or public charter school and reported to the State Department of Education. HB73 received a favorable report in the House Education Policy meeting and can now be introduced on the House floor at any time.


 **[HB103](#)**, by **Rep. Alan Baker and Rep. Terri Collins.**, would authorize the use of up to eight weeks of sick leave for attending to an ill child for whom a petition for adoption has been filed and for attending to an adopted child. HB103 received a favorable report in the House Children and Senior Advocacy meeting and can now be introduced on the House floor at any time.


Newly Introduced


 **[HB123](#)**, by **Rep. Barbara Drummond**, would provide a criminal penalty for a parent or legal guardian who fails to reasonably secure their firearm resulting in their minor possessing the firearm on the premises of a public school.


 **[HB152](#)**, by **Rep. Allen Treadaway**, would authorize public institutions of higher education that employ campus police officers to also employ reserve police officers; and to specify the qualifications and duties of reserve campus police officers.


 **[HB164](#)**, by **Rep. Andy Whitt**, would require students to complete a personal financial literacy and money management course before graduation, provide for the creation and administration of a financial literacy examination, and require the reporting of a summary of examination results to the State Department of Education.

 **SB88**, by **Sen. Arthur Orr** and **HB169**, by **Rep. Danny Garrett**, cover the Education Trust Fund (ETF) budget and a myriad of other budget-related documents. SB88 and HB169 directly reflect Governor Ivey's recommended budget but will look vastly different when presented in their respective committees.

 **SB110**, by **Sen. Rodger Smitherman**, would provide a uniform system of procedural due process protections for students facing suspension or expulsion for violating the student code of conduct or state law; and require the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement this act.

 **SB137** by **Sen. Sam Givhan** and **HB217** by **Rep Anthony Daniels**, would exclude work performed in excess of 40 hours in any week from being included in the calculation of gross income.

 Thus far, 364 bills have been introduced by the Legislature. AEA staff continues to read each bill and monitors them daily to ensure they will positively affect public education.

 The Alabama Legislature will reconvene on Tuesday, April 4th, for the fifth day of the Regular Legislative Session. Your next *Pulse* will arrive Friday, April 7th.

While you're busy serving our state's students, we've got your back in the Alabama Legislature.