

To view this email as a web page, go [here](#).

Wyoming Education Association Legislative Update



Coleen Haines - WEA Communications Director - chains@wyoea.org



[Wyoming Legislature](#)

[2017 Legislative Updates](#)

[WEA Legislative Bills Tracking Chart](#)

[WEA Monitored Dead Legislation](#)

[WEA at the Jonah Building](#)

[WEA Legislative Action Team](#)

[Legislative Calendar](#)

Contact [WEA President Kathy Vetter](#)

Contact [Government Relations Director Ken Decaria](#)

[WEA Website](#)

The [Senate Education Committee](#) plans to meet 8 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

The [House Education Committee](#) plans to meet upon adjournment on Mondays and Wednesdays, and at 12 Noon on Fridays.

Sign up to receive your own [WEA Legislative Update emails](#).

[2016 WEA Legislative Update Archives](#)

[2015 WEA Legislative Update Archives](#)

February 23, 2017

Notable news of the day

HB236 ([School finance-omnibus education funding](#)), which passed out of Senate Education Committee on Tuesday with MORE cuts, today passed the Appropriations Committee 5-0. Now the bill goes to the Senate floor!

[Contact your Senator now](#), and ask them to reinstate the original language of HB236 prior to the cuts made Tuesday by the Senate Education Committee. These cuts would equal approximately \$85 million for the 2017-2018 school year, and \$105 million for the 2018-2019 school year.

These proposed deeper cuts by the Senate Education Committee would mean the loss of hundreds of education jobs in Wyoming. Wyoming students would suffer greatly! Students will receive less one-on-one time; programs and activities would be cut.

[Contact your Senator now](#), and ask them to stop destroying our education system in Wyoming!

Campus Carry Gun Bill Shot Down, Guns in K-12 continue

House Bill 136ENG ([Campus carry](#)) failed to pass First Reading in the Senate today by a vote of 13-17. **THANK YOU** for contacting your Senators and asking them to vote no on this bill! **WEA extends a big thank-you to Senators Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Burns, Coe, Ellis, Emerich, Hastert, Landen, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Peterson, Rothfuss, Scott, Von Flatern, and Wasserburger for their NO votes on HB 136!**

Guns in K-12 Schools Passes 1st Reading in Senate

School safety and security ([HB194](#)) passed Committee of the Whole today with a minor amendment.

The WEA has always supported the use of School Resource Officers (SROs) as those professionals highly-trained to carry firearms in schools.

[Contact your Senator immediately](#), and ask them to VOTE NO ON HB194!

Bad Education Bills Killed!

Last night the House Education Committee met upon adjournment and voted to KILL two bad bills: SJ9 ([Public School Financing](#)), SF 157 ([Education-continuing contract teacher status](#)). They both died unanimously by a vote of 0-9!

SJ9 would have provided for a constitutional amendment to essentially change the state constitution so that K-12 public education would no longer be a fundamental

right.

SF157 would have essentially eliminated continuing contract status for new teachers by leaving it to the discretion of each district.

Please thank the members of the [House Education Committee!](#)

Legislative action today -

House Bill 40 ([HB0040ENG](#), Education accountability) passed 3rd Reading in the Senate on a vote of 26-4. It will now go to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

House Bill 41 ([HB0041](#) , now [HEA0058](#), Court ordered placements-age restrictions) also passed 3rdReading in the Senate and will go to the Governor for action.

House Bill 101 ([HB0101ENG](#), School districts-veterans employment preference) passed Senate Transportation Committee 5-0, and has been placed on General File.

House Bill 159 ([HB0159ENG](#), Homeless minors) and House Bill 211 ([HB0211](#), Developmental preschool payment calculations-amendments) passed 2nd Reading in the Senate.

Senate File 35, ([SF0035ENG](#), Virtual education), Senate File 123 ([SF0123](#), School nutrition pilot project), and Senate File 132 ([SF0132ENG](#), ENDOW initiative) all passed House Committee of the Whole.

The Senate concurred on House amendments to Senate File 44 ([SF0044ENG](#), Speech pathology and audiology). It will move to the Governor for action.

Coming up this week -

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|---|
| Friday, 2/24 | 8 AM | Joint Revenue will discuss interim topics |
| Friday, 2/24 | 8 AM | Senate Judiciary is scheduled to meet and discuss HB 238 (Nude image of a minor disseminated or possessed by a minor) |
| Friday, 2/24 | 9 AM | Senate Education is scheduled to meet and discuss HB126 (Elementary school foreign language requirement) |
| Friday, 2/24 | 9 AM | Joint Appropriations will discuss interim topics |
| Friday, 2/24 | Noon Recess | House Education is scheduled to meet and discuss SF165 (School finance-education funding reductions) |
| Friday, 2/24 | | Last day for third reading on bills in house of origin |

Coming up next week -

| | | |
|------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2/27 | 8 AM | Senate Education is scheduled to meet |
| 2/27 | Upon Adjournment | House Education is scheduled to meet |

| | | |
|------|--|---|
| 2/27 | | Last day for Committee of the Whole in the second house. |
| 2/28 | | Last day for second reading in the second house. |
| 3/1 | | Last day for third reading in the second house. |
| 3/2 | | Concurrence on Amendments/Joint Conference Committee Reports |
| 3/3 | | Joint Conference Committee Reports; All JCC Reports due to Front Desk by 2:00 p.m.; ADJOURN by Midnight. |

IMPORTANT LINKS TO EDUCATION NEWS

[Quality Counts 2017: State Report Cards Map](#)

[Wyoming Ranked 7th in National Education Quality](#)

[Winter 2016 WEA News Magazine](#)

[Wyoming Education Association Celebrates More Positive Education News](#)

[Wyoming Students Top National Average in Science](#)

[Wyoming K-12 Education Funding Deficit White Paper](#)

[School Finance: Constitutional Duties, Powers, and Approaches](#)

[2015 School Finance Recalibration Report](#)

[Legislative Service Office School Finance Information](#)



115 East 22nd Street - Cheyenne - Wyoming

Phone: 307-634-7991

web: wyoea.org

You are subscribed as sueclark06@gmail.com

[Forward to a Friend](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

Email published by the Wyoming Education Association
115 East 22nd Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001