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## Sixth week’s bills reviewed

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The following W. Va. Senate and House of Delegates bills were introduced Feb. 16-20, 2004, the fifth full week of the 2004 regular legislative session. Today (Feb. 16) is the 41<sup>st</sup> day of the regular session—the last day to introduce Senate bills, although bills may originate in committee. The provision also doesn’t apply to supplementary appropriation bills, and Senate Resolutions or Concurrent Resolutions. Bill reviews are included in two primary categories—”Public Education” and ”Education-Related” bills. Other measures of interest are included in the categories of ”Miscellaneous” and ”Briefly.” Senate proposals are listed first.

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A total 62 education and education-related bills are reviewed in this issue.

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## PUBLIC EDUCATION

### *Child Nutrition*

## Beverages would be regulated

**House Bill 4505.** Revised §18-2-6a would specify beverages that could be sold in the public schools.

In the bill’s definition section, ”healthy beverages” would include water, 100 percent fruit juice and low-fat milk. The term wouldn’t include beverages that contain caffeine, beverages containing more than 10 grams of sugar per 12 ounce serving and carbonated beverages.

School days is defined as the ”period between the arrival of the first student at the school building and the end of the last instructional period.”

Under terms of the statute, during a ”school day, soft drinks may not be sold in an elementary school, middle school or junior high school through vending machines on the premises, in school stores or in school canteens or through fund-raisers by students, teachers, groups or by any other means.”

During a school day, at least 75 percent of the beverages offered in schools ”shall consist of healthy beverages, except that no beverages may be sold during the breakfast and lunch serving periods in competition with the school breakfast program or the national school program.”

Finally ”healthy beverages” couldn’t be sold ”for more than (75 percent) of the price of soft drinks.”

The bill further provides that 75 percent of the profits from sale of ”healthy beverages” and soft drinks ”shall be allocated by a ma-

majority vote of the faculty senate of each school and (25 percent) of the profits from the sale of healthy beverages and soft drinks shall be allocated to the purchase of necessary supplies by the principal of the school.”

Schools could only enter into beverage contracts through competitive bidding.

This bill is similar **Senate Bill 495**. Refer to Issue 10 of *The Legislature*, with one difference being that the Senate bill refers to “nutritious beverages,” and requires these beverages to be sold at 25 percent or less than prices of any other beverages.

By contrast, the Senate bill also sets fines for violation of the statute, including loss of revenue, and places revenues collected from any statutory violations into a “nutrition education training fund,” which the W. Va. Department of Education would oversee.

The Senate bill has other provisions.

Sponsored by Dels. Dan Foster (D-Kanawha) and two other Delegates. Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to House Education Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Charitable Contributions

### Some soliciting may be banned

**House Bill 4571**. Proposed §17-19-13a would prohibit charitable organizations from soliciting contributions on public highways.

The term “charitable organization” broadly defined, meaning “a person who is or holds itself out to be a benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious or eleemosynary organization, or any person who solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable purposes, or any person who in any

manner employs any appeal for contributions which may be reasonably interpreted to suggest that any part of such contributions will be used for charitable purposes.”

The bill would prohibit charitable organizations from “(approaching) a motor vehicle on a public highway... for the purpose of soliciting a contribution from the occupant of the motor vehicle on behalf of a charitable organization...”

Persons violating the section would be issued a warning citation (first offense), with the name of the organization to be forwarded to the W. Va. Secretary of State’s Office to see if the organization is properly registered. The name of the organization also would be forwarded to the W. Va. Department of Tax and Revenue for similar investigation.

There is a misdemeanor for second offenses, including a \$50 to \$500 fine.

The bill broadly defines “solicit” and “solicitation” so that they would include a request or appeal (directly or indirectly) “for any contribution on the plea or representation that such contribution will be used for (charitable purposes), including, without limitation...any oral or written request; any announcement to the press...to which the public is requested to make a contribution for any charitable purpose...the distribution, circulation, posting or publishing of any handbill, written advertisement or other publication which directly or indirectly or by implication seeks to obtain public support.”

The terms also would include “the sale of, offer or attempt to sell, any advertisement, advertising space, subscription, ticket or service or tangible item in connection with which any appeal is made for any charitable purpose or where the name of any charitable or civic organization is used or referred to in any such appeal as an inducement or reason for making any such sale, or when or where in connection with any such sale, any statement is made that the whole or any part of the proceeds from any such sale will be donated to any charitable organization.”

Based on the bill’s language defining “public highway” as a highway with a “federal or state highway designation,” it would appear non-public highways or roadways leading to school facilities would be exempted from the bill’s provisions.

There are six House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Bill Hamilton (R-Upshur). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

## County Boards

### Salary could be waived

**Senate Bill 559**. Proposed §6-7-1a would allow “any full-time or part-time salaried or hourly official, officer or employee of the state (to) waive all or part of the compensation for that person’s office or position.”

The waiver would be revocable, and is to be in writing and signed by the person waiving the salary or wages.

The bill has a second provision saying that if an “elected public official desires to waive the salary of the elected office, the waiver may only be made after the person has been elected to office...” The waiver must be made “prior to taking the oath of office,” however.

A third bill provision would disallow the statute from being used by candidates for “public office to state, promise or offer that if that person is elected that the person will waive the salary of

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office.”

Finally, those waiving salaries would receive Workers Compensation coverage.

Sponsored by Sens. Jon Blair Hunter and C. Randy White (D-Webster). Introduced Feb. 8. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

NOTE: This is the same as **House Bill** sponsored by Del. Allen V. Evans (R-Grant). Refer to Issue 10 of this publication.

## Bill relates to deferred plans

**Senate Bill 588.** Revised §5-10B-4 would allow a state employer or other public employer to contribute to deferred compensation plans or to match employee contributions.

Sponsored by Sen. H. Truman Chafin (D-Mingo). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Pensions Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

## BRIM law may be revised

**Senate Bill 596.** Revised §29-12-5 makes a series of technical changes in the “state insurance” statute which establishes the W. Va. Board of Risk and Insurance Management. Under terms of the bill, any BRIM policy “shall provide that the insurer shall be barred and estopped from relying upon the constitutional immunity of the state of West Virginia against claims or suits...”

That provision would be amended so that a state agency or “state instrumentality (wouldn’t be barred) from relying on the constitutional immunity granted the state of West Virginia against claims or suits arising from or out of any state property, activity or responsibility not covered by a policy or policies of insurance.”

In these instances, BRIM is to “endeavor to secure reasonably broad protection against loss, damage or liability to state property and on account of state activities and responsibilities by proper, adequate, available and affordable insurance coverage...through the introduction and employment of sound and accepted principles of insurance methods of protection and principles of loss control and risk management.”

The bill also states BRIM may, if requested, provide property and liability insurance coverage to political subdivisions, public service organizations, charitable organizations or emergency medical service agencies, although BRIM is “not required to provide this coverage. There are other provisions.

Sponsored by Sen. President Earl R. Tomblin (D-Logan) and Jeffrey V. Kessler (D-Marshall). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

There is no companion House bill.

## EC rulings may set precedent

**House Bill 4515.** Revised §6-9A-11 would give precedential application to W. Va. Ethics Commission *Advisory Opinions* regarding the state’s Open Meetings Laws. This means the *Opinions*, once issued, would apply to “any governing body or member thereof that acts in good faith reliance on (the *Opinion[s]*), giving that (governing body or member thereof) an absolute defense to any civil suit or criminal prosecution for any action taken in good faith reliance on the *Opinion*.”

Currently, the rulings apply only to the requester.

The revised section says the *Opinions* would be “binding on the parties requesting the *Opinion*.”

There are five House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Jon Amores (D-Kanawha). Introduced Feb. 18. Referred to House Judiciary Committee. Amores is House Judiciary Chairman.

## Curricula

### Fetal development to be taught

**House Bill 4533.** Proposed §18-2-7c would require all middle schools and high schools to teach fetal development. Nothing in the curricula could be “construed or interpreted to endorse, allow, permit or approve of any abortion.”

The W. Va. Board of Education, with the advice of the state superintendent of schools, is to “prescribe (the) curriculum to teach fetal development.”

Sponsored Del. Mitch Carmichael (R-Jackson). Introduced Feb. 19. Referred to House Education Committee, then House Judiciary Committee.

### Personal finance may be taught

**House Bill 4574.** Proposed §18-2-7c would require the W. Va. Board of Education to prescribe “instruction in personal finance in secondary schools.”

According to the bill’s findings, “...(Persons) with an understanding of personal finance are better prepared to manage their money...(thus) providing a personal finance program in secondary schools in West Virginia will prepare students to handle their finances.”

The legislation’s intent is to provide a “basic understanding of personal finance.”

Sponsored by Dels. Jerry L. Mezzatesta (D-Hampshire) and Larry A. Williams (D-Preston). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Education Committee.

There is no companion Senate bill.

Mezzatesta and Williams are House Education Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

### Bill addresses three-year-olds

**Senate Bill 592.** Revised §18-5-44 would allow a county that is “predominantly rural (and which has) limited availability of day care facilities (to) continue to enroll three-year-old students if that county enrolled three-year-old students in the (2003 school year).”

The bill requires the W. Va. Board of Education to promulgate rules “setting standards for determining whether a county’s rural population and day care availability warrant the continued enrollment of three-year-old students.”

Under current law, during the 2004 school year, no county board is to enroll students “who will be less than (age four) prior to (September 1) for the year they enter school,” except as may be required by federal law or regulation.

There are seven Senate sponsors, including lead sponsor Sen. Hunter. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Education Committee, then Senate Finance Committee. A fiscal note is requested.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

# Elections

## Election dates may coincide

**Senate Bill 581.** Revised §11-8-16 would require levy and bond elections to be held on the same day as Primary or General Elections.

The bill has a provision saying that if a levy or bond issues expires after the proposed law has gone into effect, but prior to the next regularly scheduled Primary or General Election, the levy can be resubmitted to voters in a special election.

Sponsored by Sen. Steve Harrison (R-Kanawha) (by request). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Juveniles

### Juveniles' names may be known

**House Bill 4503.** Revised §49-7-1 would make it possible for victims of juvenile crimes to attain restitution and for victims to receive compensation for loss of life, health, safety or property.

Given these provisions, the Bill Note says "state courts should release the identity of juveniles adjudicated or convicted of a crime to the victims they have robbed of life, health, safety or property."

There are three House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. John N. Ellem (R-Wood). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## School Building Authority

### SBA under rule-making review

**Senate Bill 542.** Revised §18-9D-3, §18-9D-15, and §18-9D-16 would make the following revisions in statutes regarding the School Building Authority of West Virginia:

1. The SBA would be placed under legislative rule-making review, meaning its rules would be subject to legislative oversight, review and approval, with its rules ultimately being approved by the Legislature.

2. Any school included in a Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan would be eligible to receive SBA moneys.

3. All SBA criteria for awarding of funds would be considered "equally and weighted by the (SBA) in making its funding decisions."

4. In terms of economies of scale, these criteria must take into account "that population sparsity affects school sizes, transportation times and costs."

5. Bus travel times would be established in statute, including 30 minutes for Grades K-3 students, 45 minutes for Grades 6-8 students, and 60 minutes for Grades 9-12. The section reads that these "are" the maximum reasonable travel times."

6. Curriculum issues, as the section is amended, would include "distance learning," as one of several factors, including "other technology," as well as the current "advanced senior courses in science, mathematics, language arts and social studies."

7. Existing SBA guidelines wouldn't be operative until addressed by legislative rule-making review.

The bill is sponsored by Sens. Tomblin and Vic Sprouse (R-Kanawha) (at the request of the governor). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to Senate Education Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

The companion bill is **House Bill 4498.** It is sponsored by Speaker Robert S. Kiss (D-Raleigh) and Charles V. Trump IV (R-Morgan). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to House Education Committee, then House Finance Committee.

Sprouse and Trump are Senate and House Minority Leaders, respectively.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## School Personnel

### 220-day principals' contract

**Senate Bill 537.** Revised §18-5-45 and §18A-4-3 would fund salaries of school principals for 220 days.

NOTE: This legislation is supported by the W. Va. Association of School Administrators.

There are four Senate sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Tracy Dempsey. Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to Senate Education Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

A fiscal note is requested.

NOTE: This bill is the same as **House Bill 4427**, which is reviewed in Issue 8 of *The Legislature*.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### State funding for treasurers

**Senate Bill 540.** Revised §18-9A-8 would provide county boards \$50,000 annually if they have appointed a treasurer other than the county sheriff. The funds are to be used to defray, in whole or part, the treasurer's salary.

Sponsored by Sen. Roman W. Prezioso Jr. (D-Marion). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to Senate Education Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

### Reimbursement for nurses

**Senate Bill 541.** Revised §18-5-22 would provide county boards reimbursement for the "full cost of employing school nurses... from funds appropriated to the (W. Va.) Department of Education. (This bill amends a section of statute requiring at least one full-time nurse per 1,500 students.)

Sponsored by Sen. Prezioso. Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to Senate Education Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### Counselors

Also refer to **Senate Bill 602**, which has been introduced by Sen. Snyder. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Education Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

A related bill, **Senate Bill 593**, would require reimbursement for school counselors. It, too, is sponsored by Sen. Hunter. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Education Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

Fiscal notes are requested for the bills.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Meet/confer bill introduced

**Senate Bill 580.** This 13-page bill would give policemen and firefighters the right to “meet and confer.”

This legislation is the same as **House Bill 4395**, which is reviewed in Issue 10 of *The Legislature*.

The bill has numerous sections relating to “meet and confer” rights for police officers and firefighters.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Bill relates to K-8 permits

**House Bill 4481.** Proposed §18A-3-1d would allow teachers holding K-8 endorsements to teach grades 7-8 classes.

Sponsored by Del. Kiss (by request). Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to House Education Committee.

## Bill concerns certification

**House Bill 4483.** Proposed §18A-3-1d would loosen certification requirements on teachers from out-of-state who are otherwise certified to teach special education. The measure also would create an in-state generic special education teaching certification. Additionally, the bill directs the W. Va. Board of Education to propose legislative rules designed to create a generic special education certificate and a certificate for teachers who teach from out-of-state.

Both propositions are supported by legislative findings.

The House Education Committee has approved a committee substitute for this bill. Refer to Issue 11 of *The Legislature*.

Sponsored by Del. Kiss (by request). Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to House Education Committee.

## Files could be reviewed

**House Bill 4504.** Proposed §21-3-21 would give all employees, “whether public or private, . . . the right to review and to (have) one copy of portions or the entire content of (their) personnel files.”

In the event additional information or documents are added to the files, employees would have the right to review and copy the additional information “at the employer’s expense.”

If material requested has been previously copied, the employee may be charged 25 cents per page for these materials.

The bill defines personnel file as “the compilation of information that is maintained or stored, at an employer’s or employer’s agent’s direction, in any manner or means whatsoever, and which information has been compiled due to the employee’s employment status with the employer.”

There are seven House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Barbara E. Flesichauer (D-Monongalia). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

## Bill relates to LPNs

**House Bill 4522.** Revised §18A-4-8 would add a new Licensed Practical Nurse classification to school service personnel classifications. The “licensed practical nurse” position would include “persons who (are) qualified to serve as a practical nurse under Code §30-7A-2. The position would be Pay Grade G.)

There are six House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Tim

Manchin (D-Marion). Introduced Feb. 18. Referred to House Health and Human Resources Committee, then House Finance Committee.

The bill requests a fiscal note.

NOTE: This legislation is supported by the W. Va. Association of School Administrators.

## W. Va. Dept. of Education

### Court of claims bill

**Senate Bill 536.** This measure would establish certain obligations against various state agencies for which the state has a moral obligation to pay, including approximately \$54,045 in WVDE claims.

Sponsored by Sen. Shirley Love (D-Fayette) and five other senators. Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to Senate Finance Committee.

Also refer to **House Bill 4517** would declare certain claims against the state and its agencies (These relate to the Department of Corrections only.) Sponsored by Dels. Campbell and six other Delegates. Introduced Feb. 18. Referred to House Finance Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### Literacy Check-off proposed

**House Bill 4576.** Proposed §18-2-37 would create a voluntary income tax form checkoff for grants to schools and public libraries for family literacy programs, which the WVDE would administer. The checkoff would be on income tax returns through 2009.

There are seven House sponsors, including Del. Robert C. Tabb (D-Jefferson). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Education Committee, then House Finance Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## EDUCATION-RELATED

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### Alcohol

### Litter control fine for DUI

**House Bill 4494.** The intent of this legislation is to allow certain first time DUI offenders the option of participating in litter control programs instead of serving jail time.

There are four Senate sponsors, including lead sponsor Sen. Shirley Love (D-Fayette). Introduced Feb. 13. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee, then Senate Finance Committee. A fiscal note is requested.

This is the same as **Senate Bill 531**. Refer to Issue 10 of *The Legislature*.

### All-Terrain Vehicles

### Counties could regulate ATVs

**Senate Bill 561.** Revised §7-1-3s would allow county commissions to regulate operation of All-Terrain Vehicles “upon any street, road or right-of-way, as well as on any county-owned, -leased or -controlled property, but not within a municipality.”

The penalty for violating this section is a fine of \$5-\$25.

Sponsored by Sen. Snyder. Introduced Feb. 18. Referred to Senate Roads and Transportation Committee, then Senate Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Child deaths would be reviewed

**Senate Bill 605.** Revised §49-5D-5 would require that every ATV-related death of a child be reviewed by the W. Va. Child Fatality Review Team, which operates under the office of the state's chief medical examiner. Additionally, every substantial injury to or death of a child caused by or involving operation of an ATV would be reported to the W. Va. Department of Health and Human Resources as suspected child abuse/neglect. Under terms of the bill, the DHHR officials would be required to investigate all reports of substantial injury or death of a child involving operation of an ATV.

Sponsored by Sen. Snyder. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Health and Human Resources Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Bill would regulate ATVs

**House Bill 4527.** Introduced by five Eastern Panhandle Republicans, this measure would regulate ATVs. Among other things, it would require the W. Va. Division of Motor Vehicles to offer an ATV rider safety course, which would include presentation of a certificate for those successfully completing the course.

After Oct. 1, no one could operate an ATV if they haven't completed the safety course.

In its "prohibited acts" section, the bill prohibits ATV operation on public roads, streets or highways, with certain exceptions, including crossing of these thoroughfares. Municipalities, counties or other political subdivisions could authorize ATVs to operate on "certain paved roads, streets or highways, other than interstate highways...(or) to (participate) in parades, exhibitions and other special events, or for specified purposes, or in emergencies."

The bill's provisions don't apply to operation of ATVs on a farm or for farm activities.

ATV operators couldn't trespass on private properties, as specified in the bill.

There are other provisions.

Del. Trump is the lead sponsor. Introduced Feb. 18. Referred to House Judiciary Committee, then House Finance Committee. A fiscal note is requested.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Child Welfare

### Lien proposed for support

**House Bill 4489.** Revised §48-11-10B would impose a lien and recovery for unpaid child support on the proceeds due a child support debtor from a settlement, judgment or award, including civil judgments, arbitration or Workers Compensation cases.

There are seven House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Joe DeLong (D-Hancock). Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Support failure fine to raise

**House Bill 4499.** Proposed §61-5-29 would make it a felony for individuals who owe child support to fail to make such payments for three consecutive months or more. There would be a \$100-\$1000 fine, or one to three years' imprisonment.

Sponsored by Del. Kiss (by request). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

## Bill relates to custody

**House Bill 4572.** Under terms of this bill, which amends §49-1-38-28-1 and adds a new §49-2-18, in child abuse/neglect placement, custody automatically would be awarded to the person or persons who provide the necessary food, shelter, supervision, medical service or education for a child, when the parent, guardian or custodian doesn't provide at least 60 percent of these necessities for a continuous six-month period. (The latter provision refers to child neglect, as defined by statute, and a parent or guardian's failure to provide these essentialities, including medical care to treat an "on-going illness that is curable.")

Sponsored by Del. Greg Howard (by request). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Courts could appoint guardian

**House Bill 4580.** This bill amends several sections of code, and would allow circuit courts to appoint a guardian for a minor if the custodial parents can't agree on the nomination of a guardian, or if there are not living custodial parents.

Sponsored by Dels. Mike Hall (R-Putnam) and Patti E. Schoen (R-Putnam). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

A fiscal note is requested.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Consumers Sales Tax

### E-commerce exemption plan

**House Bill 4501.** Revised §11-15-9h is designed to create sales tax exemptions that would encourage high technology companies to locate and expand their businesses in West Virginia. The exemptions would relate to e-commerce vendors, computer software developers, computer hardware designers, systems engineering firms, Internet service companies, and electronic data processing companies.

It also provides exemptions for sales of educational software and Internet advertising.

A related bill is **House Bill 4502.** It would accomplish the same objectives as above and would provide sales exemptions for educational software and Internet advertising.

The educational software could be that used in any school of this state or in any nonprofit or educational institution subject to "administration, regulation, certification or approval of the (W. Va. Department of Education and the Arts, the Board of Trustees of the University System of W. Va. or the Board of Directors for Colleges located in (the state)..."

Both bills are sponsored by Dels. Tom Campbell (D-Greenbrier) and four other Delegates. Introduced Feb. 17. Both were referred to the House Finance Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Crimes

### Computer soliciting a crime

**House Bill 4492.** Proposed §61-3C-14b would create a criminal offense for soliciting minors by computer for certain illegal activities, including sexual crimes. Various penalties are provided.

Sponsored by Del. Howard and three other Delegates. Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### Surveillance ban noted

**House Bill 4541.** This legislation would add a new §61-8-29, creating the crime of unlawful surveillance, which would include installation of “imag(ing) devices to surreptitiously view or record another person in a bedroom, bathroom, lavatory, changing room or other place where the person being viewed or recorded has a reasonable expectation of privacy.”

The bill has other sections relating to use of such imaging devices for one’s sexual arousal or gratification, or use of such devices for “amusement, entertainment for profit, or to abuse or degrade another person...”

It would be illegal to sell an image that has been procured in violation of this proposed section of law. Imaging device is defined as “any mechanical, digital or electronic viewing device, camera or any other instrument capable of recording, storing or transmitting visual images that can be utilized to observe a person.”

The bill establishes various fines.

Sponsored by Del. Rusty Webb (R-Kanawha). Introduced Feb. 19. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Flooding-Related

### Task force continued

**Senate Bill 539.** Proposed §19-21A-15 would create at 10-member W. Va. Flood Prevention Task Force. This statutory task force would continue the work of an ad hoc flood prevention task force committee which has been meeting informally during the last two years at the suggestion of U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.) and Gov. Bob Wise. The task force would continue to coordinate federal, state and local governmental response to flooding.

The task force would have one representative of county governments.

Sponsored by Sen. Larry A. Rowe (D-Kanawha). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to Sen. Government Organization Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*



## Gaming

### Bills relate to table games

**Senate Bill 548.** Having numerous sections, this bill would authorize racetrack table gaming facilities at licensed racetracks in West Virginia, subject to local option elections. The bills also provide for state control, regulation and operation of these gaming activities at racetracks.

Sponsored by Sen. Andy McKenzie (R-Ohio). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

The companion is **House Bill 4539.** There are seven House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Randy Swartzmiller (D-Hancock). Introduced Feb. 19. Referred to House Judiciary Committee, then House Finance Committee.

## Higher Education

### Human cloning not allowed

**House Bill 4487.** Proposed §18B-4-9 would prohibit human cloning of embryos at state medical schools, colleges or universities. Any person who would violate the provisions of this bill would be “terminated from employment...”

Sponsored by Dels. Bob Ashley and two other delegates. Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### Property may go for R&D

**House Bill 4495.** Revised §18B-12-10 would allow for assignment and transfer of real property for research and development at state institutions of higher education (for economic development purposes).

Sponsored by Dels. John Pino (D-Fayette) and four other delegates (all from Kanawha County).

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### BSC may get grad. programs

**Senate Bill 603.** Revised §18B-1A-6 would include Bluefield State College as a potential graduate education center in West Virginia.

**House Bill 4508** would add Glenville State College and Bluefield State College as potential graduate centers. (For an additional bill, refer to Issue 10 of *The Legislature*.)

**Senate Bill 603** is sponsored by Sens. H. Truman Chafin (D-Mingo) and John Pat Fanning (D-McDowell). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Education Committee.

The House bill has three sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Marshall Long. Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to House Education Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### Bill relates to PROMISE

**House Bill 4540.** Revised §18C-7-6 would provide that imposition of increased objective standards relative to eligibility requirements

for the PROMISE scholarship wouldn't take effect for two years in order to allow prospective applicants an opportunity to receive notice of the changes.

Sponsored by Dels. Richard Thompson and Don C. Perdue (both D-Wayne). Introduced Feb. 19. Referred to House Education Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Personal Income Tax

### Child credit may be allowed

**House Bill 4558.** Revised §11-21-6 would allow an additional personal income tax exemption of \$500 for each dependent child of an individual or husband and wife whose aggregate adjusted gross income is \$25,000 or less, beginning in the tax year after December 31, 2003.

There are seven House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Tim Armstead (R-Kanawha). Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Finance Committee. A fiscal note is requested.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Property Tax

### Retirement homes exemption

**Senate Bill 547.** Revised §11-3-9 would exempt from taxation property used exclusively for retirement homes.

Sponsored by Sen. Evan Jenkins (D-Cabell). Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to Senate Finance Committee. A fiscal note is requested.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### Craftsman exemption proposed

**House Bill 4510.** Revised §11-5-1 would exempt from personal property taxation the equipment, inventory and raw materials of craftspeople who have had their work evaluated and accepted or juried and accepted by the W. Va. Arts and Crafts Guild or by a similar organization.

Sponsored by Del. Perdue and five other Delegates. Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to House Judiciary Committee, then House Finance Committee.

### No taxes when disasters occur

**House Bill 4535.** Proposed §11-3-32 would provide relief from taxation for property damaged or destroyed in a disaster, which results in a declaration of such either from the governor or the federal government.

There are six House sponsors (all Kanawha County delegates), including lead sponsor Del. Sharon Spencer (D). Introduced Feb. 19. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*



## Public Employees Retirement

### Several PERS changes sought

**Senate Bill 563.** This bill would make several proposed changes in statutes regarding the Public Employees Retirement System, including a requirement for periodic physician's certification of disability and tax returns for those under age 60 who receive PERS disability payments. There are several other sections relating to terminal benefits payable on death of a retired member, matters relating to beneficiaries, and several technical changes in PERS statutes.

The House companion is **House Bill 4563.** It is sponsored by Del. Campbell. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Pensions and Retirement Committee, then House Finance Committee.

**Senate Bill 563** is sponsored by Sen. Jenkins. It has been referred to Senate Pensions Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

Fiscal notes are requested for the bills.

### National guard credit proposed

**House Bill 4520.** Revised 5-10-15 would provide PERS service credit for service in the W. Va. National Guard and Reserves. It also would provide for the awarding of additional testing credit points in Civil Service examinations for members of the National Guard and Reserves who are applying for state employment.

There are seven House sponsors, including Del. Lidella W. Hrutkay (D-Logan). Introduced Feb. 18. Referred to House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, then House Finance Committee.

## Teachers Retirement System

### COLA proposed for retirees

**Senate Bill 599.** Proposed §18-7A-26t would provide a Cost of Living Adjustment to TRS retirees who are at least age 60 and who have been receiving a TRS annuity for at least five years.

Sponsored by Sen. Hunter. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to Senate Pensions Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

There are other related bills, including **House Bill 4507.** That measure was introduced Feb. 17 and referred to the House Pensions and Retirement Committee and House Finance Committee. There are three House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Howard.

Also refer to **House Bill 4493.** It is sponsored by Dels. Howard and Sobonya. Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to House Pensions and Retirement Committee, then House Finance Committee.

All three measures request fiscal notes.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### Bill relates to defined system

**House Bill 4562.** This measure would make a number of technical changes in the state's Teachers' Defined Contribution System, including clarifications related to vesting. It states that "upon termination of employment, regardless of whether the member has taken a distribution of all or of a portion of his or her vested account, the remaining balance, if any, in the member's employer account that is

not vested shall be remitted and paid into a suspension account, hereby created, to be administered by the (TDCS Board)...” There are other provisions.

Sponsored by Del. Campbell. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Pensions and Retirement Committee, then House Finance Committee.

A fiscal note is requested.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Tobacco

### Juvenile jurisdiction expanded

**Senate Bill 543.** Amended §16-9A-3 would give municipal courts concurrent jurisdiction of proceedings to enforce tobacco restriction laws against juveniles in the same manner they now have for enforcing restrictions regarding alcohol, curfew and motor vehicle usage.

Sponsored by Sen. Hunter. Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

## Video Lottery

### Video lottery sites addressed

**Senate Bill 534.** Revised §29-22B-1902 would allow a county commission to provide by ordinance for regulation and restriction of the location of any premises in which a limited video lottery retailer could hold a license.

Sponsored by Sen. Frank J. Deem (R-Wood). Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee, then Senate Finance Committee.

Also refer to **Senate Bill 530**, which is reviewed in issue 10 of *The Legislature*. Under terms of that bill, county commissions could enact ordinances restricting the location of exotic entertainment establishments and limited video lottery establishments.

Another measure, introduced this week, is **House Bill 4573**. It is sponsored by Dels. Howard and Hamilton. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Judiciary Committee. (That proposal doesn't mention determination of sites for sexually oriented businesses.)

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Abortion

### Unborn victims act proposed

**Senate Bill 566.** Twenty-six senators have sponsored this bill which would establish the “Unborn Victims of Violence Act,” relating to recognizing a fetus as a person for purposes of being a victim of crimes of violence against “that person,” specifically where a pregnant woman is carrying an “unborn child.”

Introduced Feb. 19. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Also refer to **House Bill 4518**. There are seven House sponsors, including lead sponsor Del. Ellem. Introduced Feb. 18. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

## Notification is requested

**Senate Bill 570.** Companion to **House Bill 4447**, this measure would remove a provision of law allowing physicians to waive parental notification for minors seeking an abortion

There are 27 Senate sponsors, including lead sponsor Sen. Prezioso. Introduced Feb. 19. Referred to Senate Health and Human Resources Committee, then Senate Judiciary Committee.

The House bill is reviewed in Issue 10 of *The Legislature*.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

### Pregnancy testing required

**House Bill 4496.** This legislation would require a woman, prior to abortion, to have a pregnancy test administered at the facility where the abortion is to be performed, and the pregnancy test results must be confirmed prior to the abortion.

Sponsored by Del. Trump. Introduced Feb. 16. Referred to House Health and Human Resources Committee, then House Judiciary Committee.

### No travel funds for abortion

**House Bill 4506.** The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that neither the state nor any county can be able to reimburse any person or entity for transporting any person to schedule, arrange or procure an abortion.

Sponsored by Dels. Howard and Carmichael. Introduced Feb. 17. Referred to House Health and Human Resources Committee, then House Judiciary Committee.

### Malpractice prohibition sought

**House Bill 4537.** Under terms of this legislation, any person who has admitted to or who has been adjudicated to have committed medical malpractice would be prohibited from performing an abortion. Criminal penalties are provided for persons who would violate this section of statute.

Sponsored by Del. Sally Susman (D-Raleigh). Introduced Feb. 19. Referred to House Health and Human Resources Committee, then House Judiciary Committee.

### Bill concerns fetal defects

**House Bill 4577.** The purpose of this legislation is to require physicians and medical institutions to report instances where abortions have been performed due to perceived congenital defects of fetuses. Penalties are fixed for those who violate this section of law.

Sponsored by Dels. R. M. Thompson and two other Delegates. Introduced Feb. 20. Referred to House Health and Human Resources Committee, then House Judiciary Committee.

*(Similar proposals have been introduced in past sessions.)*

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## BRIEFLY

A listing of bills whose introduction illustrates trends, issues facing other entities and agencies of government and proposed statutory disposition. The listing is not exhaustive.

**Senate Bill 535** would provide for a voluntary check-off (income tax) to be used for the Capitol Preservation Fund...**Senate Bill 553** would establish the W. Va. Medicaid Community Attendant Services and Support Act, which would provide disabled individuals with home- and community-based attendant services and supports in order to prevent these persons' placements in more expensive institutional settings such as nursing homes...**Senate Bill 562** would increase the maximum amount of commission a sheriff may receive for collecting taxes (not to exceed \$30,000)...**Senate Bill 568** would tie the personal low income tax exclusion to federal poverty guidelines...**Senate Bill 571** would allow the W. Va. Auditor to charge \$1 per transaction for the state Purchase Card...**Senate Bill 572** would develop a statewide tourism destination development plan...**Senate Bill 573** would provide a procedure for the W. Va. Economic Development Authority to address employment and economic development problems of minority populations in the state...**Senate Bill 582** would make determinations regarding judges' calculation of retirement...**Senate Bill 589** would, among other things, require that one member of the W. Va. Library Commission be a blind person...**Senate Bill 594**. This 321-page bill would rewrite tax laws of the state, based on findings of a gubernatorial commission established during the Underwood Administration...**Senate Bill 597** would extend the time for the Cabell County Commission to meet for the purpose of presenting a ballot issue to voters there...**Senate Bill 601** would allow counties that have grown by 17 percent to establish various ordinances and rules...**Senate Bill 604** would increase contributions to the Deputy Sheriffs Retirement Fund...**House Bill 4564** would make a series of changes in the W. Va. State Police Retirement System. A related bill is **House Bill 4565**...**House Bill 4575** would increase the allocation of racetrack video lottery net terminal income to be used for payment into the pension plan for employees of the Licensed Racing Association.

### Underground Tanks

**House Bill 4485** would make all accessible parking (handicapped parking) violations motor vehicle violations, with criminal offenses. A related bill is **House Bill 4486**...**House Bill 4521** would increase the annual underground storage tank fee...**House Bill 4523** would allow racing associations or licensees qualifying for an alternative tax, when conducting more than one racing performance per day, to increase the number of races each performance may have to 13 before paying both the daily license tax and alternative tax...**4555** would make some changes in the membership of the W. Va. Emergency Response and Community Right-To-Know Team...**House Bill 4557** would delete the specific year of the funding appropriated to provide pay equity adjustment for state employees...**House Bill 4566** would allow continued employment of a spouse of a newly-elected county commissioner with tenured service with a county agency to keep their job...**House Bill 4569** would permit county commissions to alter, in a certain manner, the observance of legal holidays for county employees...**House Bill 4578** would require a person seeking clothing voucher assistance (W. Va. Works Act) to have \$5,000 or less in total assets.

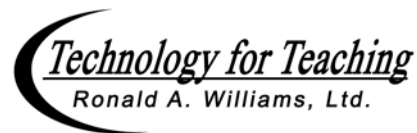
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