

TSHA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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TSHA BILLS:

Loan Repayment:

SB 1141 by Senator Van de Putte – Passed from Committee 4/14 – Senate Floor vote posted for 4/20. Call your Senator and ask him/her to vote FOR the bill.

HB 3576 by Representative Christian – Posted for Hearing 4/22 in House Higher Education Committee (Members: Branch, Chair, Castro, Vice Ch., Alonzo, Berman, Cohen, D. Howard, McCall, Patrick, Rose). If your Representative is on the committee, call before noon 4/22 and ask for his/her SUPPORT.

Professional liability exemption when volunteering services:

SB 1211 by Senator Fraser – passed from committee and Senate, sent to House for committee assignment 4/15. Watch for next committee hearing date.

HB 1995 by Representative McCall – Bill heard in House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee 4/14 and left pending. Committee members: Hunter, Chair, Hughes, Vice Ch., Alonzo, Branch, Hartnett, Jackson, Leibowitz, Lewis, Madden, Martinez, Woolley. If your Representative is on the Committee, please email or call and ask him/her to SUPPORT HB 1995.

Private health insurance coverage:

HB 2714 by Representative Coleman –The bill was heard in the House Insurance Committee on 4/14 and left pending. Committee Members: Smithee, Chair, Martinez-Fischer, Vice Ch., Deshotel, Eiland, Hancock, Hunter, Isett, Taylor, Thompson. If your Representative is on the Committee, please email or call and ask him/her to SUPPORT HB 2714.

Minimum salary schedule inclusion in the Education Code for SLP's and Aud's:

SB 209 by Senator Shapleigh – Referred to Senate Education Committee. Contact Committee Chair Senator Florence Shapiro and ask that she set SB 209 for a committee hearing as soon as possible.

HB 3029 by Representative Allen – Referred to the House Public Education Committee chaired by Representative Rob Eissler. Contact Representative Eissler and ask that he set HB 3029 for a committee hearing as soon as possible.

Pre-season cognitive assessment for concussions for all high school athletes:

HB 4627 by Representative Lucio III – Referred to the House Public Education Committee chaired by Representative Rob Eissler. Contact Representative Eissler and ask that he set HB 4627 for a hearing.

Other Bills with current action TSHA is Actively Supporting or Opposing:

SB 1612 by Sen. Lucio – Velocardiofacial Syndrome bill. TSHA Supports

SB 2078 by Sen. Uresti – EHDI bill that will require physician supervision of EHDI programs and allow babies to go home prior to testing. TSHA Opposed

SB 544 by Sen. Ellis – NO Smoking in workplace or public places. TSHA Supports

SB 336 by Sen. Deuell – Closing State Schools. TSHA Opposed

HB 594 by Rep. T. King – Licensure revision for Fitters & Dispensers of Hearing Instruments. TSHA Supports

SB 1217 by Sen. Shapiro – Autism bill TSHA Supports

TSHA is monitoring over 55 other bills in the legislative process.

If you have questions regarding a bill, contact:

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