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## Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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## Legislative Session Week 1 January 13, 2012

The second short session of a biennium has historically been the time to review and make technical fixes to bills passed in the previous long session of the biennium. This was the logic of a short session with fewer days in Olympia and more time to gear up for the upcoming election campaigns for all house members and half of the senate. This is no longer the way of the “world” here in Olympia for the short sessions.

So this session starts on the heels of the second special session of 2011 called to balance the current budget, which is the driver for much of the work being done. Most bills are seeking “reform” to create greater efficiencies and reductions.

To focus on education, the McCleary Court case was released prior to the session, this called (again) for the full funding of basic education. Going forward this will have a significant impact on all reform in education because of the direct statement that basic education cannot be redefined for economic reasons, any changes to basic education must be made on educational merits. CTE is basic education and for that to change, it would have to be made on educational merits. Another reform bill is the charter school bill which was announced on Thursday of this week (see below).

WA-ACTE continues to find ways to advocate for our mission to “...provide high quality CTE opportunities for all students in Washington State.” At this time, the three bills that have the strongest connection that supports our mission will be heard in their corresponding committees on Thursday of next week.

- [SB 6119 - Career Pathways Act \(Senate companion bill to HB 2170\)](#), is scheduled to be heard on **Thursday, January 19 at 1:30 p.m.** The hearing will take place in **Senate Hearing Room 1**, located on the first floor of the John A. Cherberg (JAC) building.
- [HB 2170 - Career Pathways Act](#), is scheduled to be heard on **Thursday, January 19 at 6 p.m.** The hearing will take place in **House Hearing Room A**, located on the first floor of the John L. O’Brien (JLOB) building.

Having both of these bills together improves the chances of final passage and being signed into law. It is important that each hearing has a show of support in the room to get them both off to a great start. Please join those of us who will be there if you can!

The third bill is being heard on Friday next week.

- [HB 2265 - Washington Works Incentive Payments bill](#), is scheduled to be heard on **Friday, January 20 at 8 a.m.** The hearing will take place in **House Hearing Room C**, also located on the first floor of the John L. O’Brien (JLOB) building.

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION RELATED AND OTHER HIGH PRIORITY BILLS OF INTEREST

**HB 2170 - Enacting the Career Pathways Act - Introduced by Representative Tim Probst - Referred to House Labor & Workforce Development** - Creates the Career Pathways Act to: (1) facilitate increased opportunities for work-based learning and internships for high school students and teachers, and mentorships for the business community in public schools; (2) create structures to encourage connections between businesses, schools, and institutions of higher education; (3) make career exploration a routine part of middle and high school instruction and encourage students to select career goals or majors while in middle and high school; (4)

better inform parents and students of career opportunities that are tied to the needs of the local, regional, and state economy; (5) continually emphasize the dignity and economic value of skilled trades, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, industry certifications, workforce training programs, one- and two-year degrees, and baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate opportunities; and (6) measurably increase completion rates at all levels of secondary and postsecondary education and measurably increase student success after completion. **1/19 HHRA @ 6:00 PM Companion Bill: SB 6119**

**HB 2265 - Establishing Washington Works Programs - Introduced by Representative Tim Probst - Referred to House Labor & Workforce Development** - Establishes the Washington Works program to increase high school graduation rates and provide for higher education and job opportunities for high school graduates through collaborative programs between public K-12 education, higher education, and private industry. This act provides for performance-based financial rewards for participating school districts, colleges, institutions, programs, and councils. This act directs the Office of Financial Management to direct one-fourth of any budget surplus, as determined at the beginning of each biennium, to the Washington Works account. **1/20 HHRC @ 8:00 AM**

**HB 2428 - Establishing Alternative Forms of Governance for Certain Public Schools - Introduced by Representative Eric Pettigrew - Referred to House Education** - Authorizes new school models with alternative forms of school governance that focus on improving academic achievement for educationally disadvantaged students. Authorizes charter schools. Establishes the Washington Charter School Commission as an independent state agency whose mission is to authorize high quality charter schools throughout the state, particularly schools designed to expand opportunities for educationally disadvantaged students. Establishes the transformation zone district as a statewide school district within the state. **Companion Bill: SB 6202**

**SB 5973 - Regarding Revised Standards and Assessments for Teacher Certification - Introduced by Senator Tracey Eide - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Modifies current requirements for specific teacher certifications and evaluations to include STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) components. The new standards related to mathematics must be adopted by September 1, 2013, and for science by September 1, 2014. Revised rules for certificate renewals must include the requirement that continuing education or professional growth plans for these teachers include a specific focus on the integration of science, mathematics, technology, and engineering instruction.

**SB 5975 - Regarding Grant Opportunities for STEM Career Courses - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Establishes a grant program for high schools to implement a training program to prepare students for employment as entry-level aerospace assemblers. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is responsible for awarding the grants, subject to available funding. This act contains a reporting requirement for OSPI back to the legislature on the success of the program, beginning in 2018.

**SB 6038 - Excluding Permanent School Building Space Used for STEM Schools From Eligibility Determinations for State School Plant Funding Assistance - Introduced by Senator Jerome Delvin - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Excludes space in public schools permanently dedicated for STEM schools when making eligibility determinations for school funding assistance.

**SB 6119 - Creating the Career Pathways Act - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Establishes the Career Pathways Act, which facilitates increased opportunities for work-based learning and internships for high school students and teachers, as well as mentorships for the business community in public schools. Creates structures to encourage greater connections between businesses, schools, and institutions of higher education. **1/19 SHR1 @ 1:30 PM Companion Bill: HB 2170**

**SB 6202 - Establishing Alternative Forms of Governance for Certain Public Schools - Introduced by Senator Rodney Tom - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Authorizes new school models with alternative forms of school governance that focus on improving academic achievement for educationally disadvantaged students. Authorizes charter schools. Establishes the Washington Charter School Commission as an independent state agency whose mission is to authorize high quality charter schools throughout the state, particularly schools designed to expand opportunities for educationally disadvantaged students. Establishes the transformation zone district as a statewide school district within the state. **Companion Bill: HB 2428**

*Red Notes Recent or Future Activity*

**Early Learning & K-12 Education Bills**

**Higher Education Bills**

**Workforce Bills**

## HOUSE BILLS

**HB 2155 - Creating the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation - Introduced by Representative Phyllis Kenney - Referred to House Higher Education** - Creates the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation to advance research on new technologies that offer the promise of creating innovative products that can be used in aerospace. The Center is to work through engineering departments at the University of Washington, Washington State University, and other institutions working with industry-focused research. This act creates a governing board and staffing guidelines. The Center is to be funded with federal money, in addition to private gifts and grants. **Companion Bill: SB 5982**

**HB 2156 - Regarding Coordination and Evaluation of Workforce Training for Aerospace and Materials Manufacturing - Introduced by Representative Phyllis Kenney - Referred to House Labor & Workforce Development** - Adds additional objectives for the Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Advanced Materials Manufacturing, including increased coordination with industry leaders and community and technical colleges. **Companion Bill: SB 5976**

**HB 2171 - Regarding Agency Planning Processes - Introduced by Representative Tami Green - Referred to House State Government & Tribal Affairs** - Creates new goals for certain state agencies in their planning processes. Primarily, the agencies are to focus on increasing the number of households in the middle-income bracket which is defined as those family incomes between 200% and 500% of the 2010 federal poverty level, as determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a family of four, adjusted annually for inflation.

**HB 2184 - Making Adjustments to the School Construction Assistance Formula - Introduced by Representative Hans Dunshee - Referred to House Capital Budget** - Modifies calculations to the school construction assistance formula. This act requires that funds allotted to a school district be based on the student headcount for that district, less the number of students residing outside the district who are enrolled in alternative learning programs. This act requires that each kindergarten student be counted as a single, full-time student. This act takes effect immediately. **1/19 HHRD @ 1:30 PM Companion Bill: SB 6002**

**HB 2189 - Modifying the Rate of Vacation Leave Accrual for State Employees Formerly Employed by a School District - Introduced by Representative Sam Hunt - Referred to and Passed House State Government & Tribal Affairs** - Modifies current law regarding vacation leave accrual for state employees formerly employed by a school district. This act provides that rates of vacation leave accrual are based upon total state employment, including each service year of qualifying service with a school district. This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

**HB 2199 - Changing Compulsory School Attendance Requirements for Children Six and Seven Years of Age - Introduced by Representative Troy Kelley - Referred to House Education** - Lowers the age of full-time, compulsory education from eight to six years of age, but limits truancy actions to children eight years and older. This act also modifies home-schooling reporting requirements to apply only to children eight years and older. **1/20 HHRA @ 1:30 PM**

**HB 2209 - Addressing Issues of Accountability and Funding for Alternative Learning Experience Programs - Introduced by Representative Kathy Haigh - Referred to House Education** - Modifies requirements in current law regarding alternative learning experience programs to more closely align them with public high school graduation requirements and public university admissions requirements for students in grades 9-12. This act sets out specific course requirements for students in K-8 alternative learning programs. This act clarifies that part-time students in alternative learning programs are no longer exempt from state-wide assessment testing and participation in the testing will be based on a student's completion of course material to be tested. This act also distinguishes between alternative learning experience programs and contract-based learning programs for funding purposes during the 2012-2013 school year. **1/20 HHRA @ 1:30 PM**

**HB 2210 - Extending Contribution Limits to School Board Candidates - Introduced by Representative Andrew Billig - Referred to House State Government & Tribal Affairs** - Extends campaign contribution limits to school board candidates to match those of other public offices.

**HB 2215 - Concerning Waivers From School Year Requirements - Introduced by Representative Brad Klippert - Referred to House Education** - Prohibits school districts from waiving minimal instructional hour offerings, rather than the current allowance of waiving up to 1,000 instructional hours. This act also removes maximum waivers for no more than five school districts, and allows school districts to seek an unlimited number of three-year waivers from the state.

**HB 2231 - Reducing State Educational Assessment Requirements - Introduced by Representative John McCoy - Referred to House Education** - Significantly reduces state requirements for student educational assessment that go beyond the requirements of federal law, such as the requirement to obtain a certificate of individual achievement to graduate from a public high school. This act contains an emergency clause.

**HB 2247 - Expanding the Types of Medications That a Public or Private School Employee May Administer to Include Topical Medication, Eye Drops, and Ear Drops - Introduced by Representative Tami Green - Referred to House Health Care & Wellness** - This act permits appropriate public and private school employees to administer topical medication, eye drops, or ear drops to students in their custody. **1/18 HHRB @ 8:00 AM**

**HB 2254 - Enacting the Educational Success for Youth and Alumni of Foster Care Act - Introduced by Representative Reuven Carlyle - Referred to House Higher Education** - Establishes the educational success for youth and alumni of foster care act. Modifies provisions relating to: (1) The passport to college promise program; (2) The college bound scholarship program; and (3) Reporting and other duties of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Social and Health Services, the Office of Student Financial Assistance, and the Education Data Center. Repeals the expiration of chapter 28B.117 RCW (passport to college promise program). **1/18 HHRC @ 8:00 AM**

**HB 2258 - Requiring an Online Higher Education Transfer and Student Advising System - Introduced by Representative Hans Zeiger - Referred to House Higher Education** - Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board, in conjunction with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, and the four-year institutions of higher education, to establish and maintain a statewide online transfer and student advising system. **1/18 HHRC @ 8:00 AM**

**HB 2259 - Eliminating Certain Duplicative Higher Education Reporting Requirements - Introduced by Representative Hans Zeiger - Referred to House Environment** - Eliminates certain duplicative reporting requirements for institutions of higher education. **1/19 HHRC @ 8:00 AM**

**HB 2262 - Eliminating the WorkFirst Program and Modifying State Child Care Programs - Introduced by Representative Ruth Kagi - Referred to House Ways & Means** - Eliminates the WorkFirst program. This act transfers authority from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to the Department of Early Learning (DEL) to carry out the provisions of the working connections child care program, child care quality programs, and child care licensing functions. This act also requires DSHS and DEL to limit expenditures on child care programs to the amount of funds appropriated to do so.

**HB 2268 - Establishing Financial Literacy As a High School Graduation Requirement - Introduced by Representative Jan Angel - Referred to House Education** - Requires that high school students pass a course in financial literacy as a graduation requirement. This act sets out specific course criteria.

**HB 2279 - Implementing Changes to Child Support Based on the Child Support Schedule Work Group Report - Introduced by Representative Jim Moeller - Referred to House Judiciary** - This act implements updates to state child support laws suggested by the federally-mandated 2011 Child Support Schedule Work Group, which re-evaluates the laws every four years. This act updates the economic table used to determine the monthly basic support obligation per child. This act modifies the procedures for courts to use in determining support levels. This act alters the process for dealing with child support and postsecondary education. This act takes effect on October 1, 2012. **1/16 HHRA @ 1:30 PM - 1/19 HHRA @ 10:00 AM**

**HB 2292 - Including Renton Technical College in the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program - Introduced by Representative Marcie Maxwell - Referred to House Labor & Workforce Development** - This act makes aerospace industry courses offered at Renton Technical College eligible for assistance under the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program. This act directs that the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program be administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance instead of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. This act takes effect on July 1, 2012.

**HB 2294 - Establishing Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation As a Graduation Requirement - Introduced by Representative Kevin Van De Wege - Referred to House Education** - This act directs Washington high schools to offer instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and makes successful completion of the course a requirement for graduation beginning with the graduating class of 2016.

**HB 2309 - Regarding Provisional School Employees' Contracts - Introduced by Representative Eric Pettigrew - Referred to House Education** - Modifies state law to allow for nonrenewal of a provisional teacher's contract if the teacher receives two consecutive unsatisfactory evaluations. This act provides that a non-provisional teacher may be reduced to provisional status if the teacher receives two consecutive unsatisfactory reviews. This act takes effect July 1, 2013. **1/19 HHRA @ 8:00 AM**

**HB 2313 - Concerning the Meeting Procedures of the Boards of Trustees and Boards of Regents of Institutions of Higher Education - Introduced by Representative Hans Zeiger - Referred to House Higher Education** - Requires that meetings of the Boards of Trustees and Boards of Regents of institutions of higher education follow procedures for open public meetings and provide time for public comment at each meeting.

**HB 2328 - Addressing Job Order Contracting - Introduced by Representative Bruce Dammeier - Referred to House State Government & Tribal Affairs** - Modifies current law regarding job order contracting procedures to include all public institutions of higher education.

**HB 2333 - Reducing State Requirements on Local School Districts - Introduced by Representative Kristine Lytton - Referred to House Education** - Removes writing proficiency requirement from K-12 curricula. This act removes a provision that allows a score of 3 or better on a calculus or statistics AP exam to substitute for graduation requirements. This act re-establishes proficiency in writing beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. This act also authorizes the State Board of Education (Board) to adopt a requirement for completion of a culminating project. The Board may adopt a requirement for completion of a high school and beyond plan, subject to certain criteria. This act also limits the audit of school districts to one every three years, unless there is a suspicion of fraud, by request of the school district's board of directors, or required by federal authorities.

**HB 2334 - Establishing a Statewide Plan for Implementing Revised Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems - Introduced by Representative Kristine Lytton - Referred to House Education** - Establishes a statewide plan with definitions and performance descriptions, professional development opportunities, and an evaluation schedule whereby all teachers and principals in the state receive a comprehensive new evaluation by the 2016-2017 school year. **1/19 HHRA @ 8:00 AM**

**HB 2336 - Requiring a Model Policy for Open Licensing of Courseware Developed With State Funds - Introduced by Representative Reuven Carlyle - Referred to House Education Appropriations & Oversight** - Requires that all courseware for K-12 and higher education be made available to the public.

**HB 2337 - Regarding Open Educational Resources in K-12 Education - Introduced by Representative Reuven Carlyle - Referred to House Education Appropriations & Oversight** - Requires the development of an open course library of licensed K-12 courseware aligned to common core state standards. This act also dedicates 1.5% of funding previously allocated to curriculum and textbooks for the development of the open course library until June 30, 2018. This act takes effect July 1, 2013. **1/17 HHRA @ 8:00 AM**

**HB 2345 - Creating a Higher Education Registration Priority for Eligible Veterans and National Guard Members - Introduced by Representative Jan Angel - Referred to House Higher Education** - Requires institutions of higher learning to give priority to eligible veterans and national guard members during the registration process.

**HB 2348 - Strengthening Washington's Workforce Development System by Providing Greater Focus and Better Alignment of Roles and Responsibilities, and Transferring Administration of Title I-B of the Workforce Investment Act to the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board - Introduced by Representative Chris Reykdal - Referred to House Labor & Workforce Development** - This act transfers the administrative authority and duties of Title I-B of the Workforce Investment Act from the Employment Security Department's WorkSource Standards and Integration Division to the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. This act directs that the Board's purpose shall be to develop a workforce with skills needed in growth industries and to raise the number of families living above the middle income bracket. This act directs the Board to attempt to expand cohort training in fields facing skill shortages. This act takes effect on October 1, 2012.

**HB 2352 - Concerning Institutions of Higher Education Services and Activities Fees - Introduced by Representative Chris Reykdal - Referred to House Higher Education** - This act provides that the services and activities fee commission of a college or university may not be limited in the program or instructional activities they consider. The commission is a largely student-led body that advises the school administration on how to spend funds that are raised from services and activities fees. This act requires that institutions of higher education must post yearly information on their website about how they spent service and activity fees.

**HB 2374 - Concerning Associate Development Organizations - Introduced by Representative Phyllis Kenney - Referred to House Community Development & Housing** - Modifies provisions relating to associate development organizations. **1/16 HHRD @ 1:30 PM**

## SENATE BILLS

**SB 5976 - Regarding Coordination and Evaluation of Workforce Training for Aerospace and Materials Manufacturing - Introduced by Senator Rodney Tom - Referred to Senate Ways & Means** - Adds additional objectives for the Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Advanced Materials Manufacturing, including increased coordination with industry leaders and community and technical colleges. **Companion Bill: HB 2156**

**SB 5982 - Creating the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation - Introduced by Senator Jim Kastama - Referred to Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation** - Creates the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation to advance research on new technologies that offer the promise of creating innovative products that can be used in aerospace. The Center is to

work through engineering departments at the University of Washington, Washington State University, and other institutions working with industry-focused research. This act creates a governing board and staffing guidelines. The Center is to be funded with federal money, in addition to private gifts and grants. **1/19 SHR3 @ 1:30 PM Companion Bill: HB 2155**

**SB 6002 - Making Adjustments to the School Construction Assistance Formula - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Referred to Senate Ways & Means** - Modifies calculations to the school construction assistance formula. This act requires that funds allotted to a school district be based on the student headcount for that district, less the number of students residing outside the district who are enrolled in alternative learning programs. This act requires that each kindergarten student be counted as a single, full-time student. This act takes effect immediately. **Companion Bill: HB 2184**

**SB 6020 - Regarding Waivers From the 180-Day School Year - Introduced by Senator Christine Rolfes - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Requires school districts to extend waivers from the 180-day school year until August 31, 2014, for those schools who have received an initial waiver that will expire prior to August 31, 2014. **1/19 SHR1 @ 1:30 PM**

**SB 6029 - Regarding the Ability to Obtain a Baccalaureate Degree in Three Years - Introduced by Senator Paul Shin - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development** - Requires public high schools, within their resources, to inform students and their families about opportunities to graduate from college with a baccalaureate degree in three years. By July 1, 2012, all four-year colleges and universities must publish information about accelerated baccalaureate degree programs, as well as opportunities to complete a baccalaureate program in three years. By August 1, 2012, that same information must be provided to the Higher Education Coordinating Board and Superintendent of Public Instruction for distribution to school districts. **1/17 SHR3 @ 10:00 AM**

**SB 6035 - Transferring the Duties of the Energy Policy Division of the Department of Commerce to the Office of the Governor and Washington State University - Introduced by Senator Jerome Delvin - Referred to Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters** - Transfers the duties of the energy policy division of the Department of Commerce to the Governor's office and the Washington State University Extension Program. This act creates a comprehensive energy planning process and provides for periodic review of the process, subject to available funding. **1/16 SHR2 @ 1:30 PM**

**SB 6040 - Regarding School Construction Assistance Rules - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to publish rules to ensure that a host school district is not penalized for the entirety of a shared or co-located facility when calculations for state school construction assistance are made.

**SB 6041 - Regarding Lighthouse School Programs - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Limits the lighthouse school pilot programs to three of each school: elementary, middle, and high levels. Funding for the program is created and may include gifts from the private sector in addition to public funds. **1/18 SHR1 @ 8:00 AM**

**SB 6050 - Expanding Waivers From the 180-Day School Year Requirement - Introduced by Senator Randi Becker - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Expands the number of waivers from the 180-day school year requirement from 5 school districts to 25 districts. Twenty of the waivers must be granted to school districts with a student population of between 501 and 2,200. **1/19 SHR1 @ 1:30 PM**

**SB 6058 - Authorizing Single-Sex Classes in K-12 Schools - Introduced by Senator Debbie Regala - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction under its rule-making power to specifically allow single-sex classes, if a school gives notice before offering such classes and such classes are based on the school's objectives and policies relating to educational achievement of its students.

**SB 6084 - Eliminating Non-High School District Reimbursement Fees - Introduced by Senator Dan Swecker - Referred to Senate Ways & Means** - Eliminates the reimbursement fees for non-high school districts.

**SB 6086 - Authorizing Single-Sex Classes Under Specified Circumstances - Introduced by Senator Dan Swecker - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Authorizes schools to provide single-sex classes if the single-sex class is substantially related to the school's objective of improving the educational achievement of its students; and student enrollment in a single-sex class is completely voluntary. A school that provides a single-sex class must provide a substantially equal single-sex class for students of the excluded sex.

**SB 6099 - Regarding School District Levy Elections - Introduced by Senator Christine Rolfes - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Authorizes additional tax levies for maintenance and operation support of a school district to provide for decreases in distributions provided by the federal impact aid law or decreases in local effort assistance allocations.

**SB 6115 - Addressing the Health Care Workforce Shortage - Introduced by Senator Karen Keiser - Referred to Senate Health & Long-Term Care** - Requires the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to convene a health care personnel shortage task force. Authorizes the development of a community assistance referral and education services program to provide community outreach and assistance in order to advance injury and illness prevention. **1/18 SHR4 @ 8:00 AM**

**SB 6117 - Expanding Criteria for Academic Performance Audits in Low-Achieving Schools - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Requires academic performance audits of the lowest-achieving schools in action districts to include an examination of the level of student participation in school activities and extracurricular activities; and the level of social emotional learning provided.

**SB 6118 - Implementing the 2010 Working Group Recommendations Regarding Programs for Highly Capable Students - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education** - Implements recommendations of the 2010 working group regarding programs for highly capable students. The top recommendation is that the education of highly capable students should include supports and services that are in addition to those ordinarily provided as part of general education.

**SB 6121 - Requiring Financial Aid Counseling Curriculum for Institutions of Higher Education** - Introduced by Senator David Frockt - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Requires the office of student financial assistance to provide a financial aid counseling curriculum to institutions of higher education with state need grant recipients. Requires students who receive state need grants, by the 2013-2014 academic year, to participate in financial aid counseling before receiving their first disbursement. **1/17 SHR3 @ 10:00 AM**

**SB 6141 - Creating a Lifelong Learning Program - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Referred to Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation** - Establishes a lifelong learning program within the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to provide the opportunity for employees, with the support of their employers, to create educational savings accounts that may be used to fund approved education and training.

**SB 6153 - Regarding School Attendance of Children Whose Parents or Guardians Receive State Assistance - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Human Services & Corrections** - Requires recipients of state assistance, who are parents or legal guardians of a school-aged child or whose school-aged child receives state assistance, to ensure regular school attendance by their children as a condition for receiving any state assistance.

**SB 6164 - Regarding the Rights of Certain Higher Education Students Involved in Military Service - Introduced by Senator Steve Hobbs - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development** - Provides that members of the Washington National Guard or other military reserve component who are students at an institution of higher education may make up classes, tests, examinations, laboratories, or events without prejudice to the final course grade or evaluation.