

Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2018 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 110th day of session. Surpassing the 100-day mark is not uncommon for the Legislature. For comparison, last year's session ran 122 days. April 21st was the date required by rule for sine die adjournment, but leadership was able to extend the deadline by seven days (extended deadline being April 28th). With the budget still being discussed, a majority vote on Monday morning from each house will be necessary in order to extend the legislative session beyond the statutory deadline. Of the 193 bills on our tracking list, 41 bills have passed the Legislature. The Governor has now signed 34 of those bills, vetoed 5, and the remaining 2 await either his signature or veto.

Of the 5 bills on our tracking list that the the Governor vetoed, HB 2205 would have deemed an educator who teaches or administers a career and technical education program or course at a satellite campus ineligible to be a candidate for election to the governing board of that Joint Technical Education District (JTED), except that s/he may be appointed by the county school superintendent to the governing board of the JTED. According to his veto message, the Governor is "concerned that this bill creates a conflict between eligibility standards for appointed and elected members of the Joint Technical Education District (JTED) boards" and that "this bill would also create a discrepancy between how we treat membership on school district governing boards and those of JTEDs." The full veto letter can be found here: <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/462115>

There was little progress on other bills this week as the entire legislative conversation was centered around school safety and education spending. No comprehensive budget proposals have been released publicly, yet we are hearing that members of both chambers are expecting the budget to be passed sometime next week.

Below are summaries of some of the bills that have been signed into law by Governor Ducey:

SB 1082 FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN; INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

SB 1082 requires a school district or charter school who offers more than 2 1/2 hours of voluntary kindergarten instruction during a school day to students who are under six years of age, to meet or exceed academic standards for kindergarten instruction prescribed by the State Board of Education, be "academically meaningful," and provide "active learning enrichment." A parent of a kindergarten student is permitted to choose either half-day kindergarten instruction or full-day kindergarten instruction. SB 1082 passed out of both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Ducey on March 16.

HB 2166 VEHICLE FEES: ALTERNATIVE FUEL VLT

HB 2166 establishes a highway safety fee in an amount to be determined by the Director of the Department of Transportation annually. The fee will be collected at the time of application for vehicle registration. The fee is required to fully fund 110 percent of the Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol budget for each fiscal year. For the separate vehicle license tax classification for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels that are purchased before January 1, 2020, the motor vehicle value for the first 12 months of the life of the motor vehicle is a percentage of the manufacturer's base retail price of the motor vehicle as set by the department, instead of one percent. For the separate vehicle license tax

classification for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuels that are purchased on or after January 1, 2020, the motor vehicle value for the first 12 months of the life of the motor vehicle is 30 percent of the manufacturer's base retail price of the motor vehicle, and during each succeeding twelve-month period, the value of the motor vehicle is 15 percent less than the value for the preceding 12-month period. HB 2166 passed out of both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Ducey on April 25.

HB 2243 WRONG-WAY DRIVING; VIOLATION; DUI

Under HB 2243, a person who drives the "wrong way" (means vehicular movement that is in a direction opposing the legal flow of traffic) on a controlled access highway commits wrong-way driving, is subject to a civil penalty of \$500, and is required to attend and successfully complete approved traffic survival school educational sessions. A person who commits a violation of driving under the influence (DUI) while driving the wrong way on a highway is guilty of aggravated DUI and is required to serve a minimum sentence of four months in prison before being eligible for release. HB 2243 passed out of both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Ducey on March 27th.

Our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic online report allows our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25998&listid=63263&print=true>

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